

REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS OF MELROSE,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.



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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1875-6.

Town Clerk.

JOHN LARRABEE.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

WALTER BABB.

H. G. FIELDS.

GEO. A. MANSFIELD.

Treasurer.

GEORGE NEWHALL.

Collector.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.

Assessors.

CHAS. H. EDMONDS.

J. C. CURRIER.

GEO. W. FARNSWORTH.

Water Commissioners.

JOSEPH D. WILDE	.	.	Term expires 1878.
JOSEPH R. SIMONDS	.	.	" " 1877.
W. IRVING ELLIS	.	.	" " 1876.

School Committee.

GEORGE F. STONE	.	.	.	Term expires 1878.
MRS. A. V. LYNDE	.	.	.	" " 1878.
W. IRVING ELLIS	.	.	.	" " 1877.
MRS. J. C. CURRIER	.	.	.	" " 1877.
S. A. RANLETT	.	.	.	" " 1876.
MISS PHOEBE A. NORRIS	.	.	.	" " 1876.

Highway Surveyors.

JAMES MARSHALL.

GEORGE P. FULLER.

L. T. FREEMAN.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHIEF.

J. G. EMERSON.

CLERK.

J. M. THOMAS.

R. W. CHANDLER.

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1875-6.

Trustees of the Public Library.

FREDERIC KIDDER. E. H. GOSS. C. C. BARRY.
HANNAH LYNDE. ADDIE A. NICHOLS.

Constables.

A. B. PIERCE. H. B. NEWHALL. JOSEPH HOLBROOK.
H. C. RICHARDSON. MOSES BRIGGS.

Auditors.

E. H. GOSS. JOHN R. NORTON.

Committee on Cemeteries.

GEO. NEWHALL. JOHN LARRABEE. N. HOWARD.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Weighers of Hay and Coal.

S. E. BENSON. WM. E. FULLER.

Surveyor of Lumber.

D. H. WALKER.

Fence Viewers.

M. L. RAY. N. HOWARD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

JAMES LAMBERT.

Lock-up Keeper.

H. G. FIELDS.

Police Officers.

ANSEL B. PIERCE.	NATH'L HOWARD.
JOSEPH HOLBROOK.	H. C. RICHARDSON.
HENRY B. NEWHALL.	SUMNER F. BARRETT.
J. D. LITTLEFIELD.	EDWARD H. YOUNG.
A. L. SYMONDS.	

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

FELLOW-CITIZENS :

In presenting this, our annual report, it is not our design to enter largely into the various matters which during the year have come before our Board (to do this would fill a volume much larger than the one we present), but we have rather endeavored to cull such matters of general interest and present them under appropriate heads, as might otherwise be overlooked.

We ask your careful persual of every item in the following report, for every citizen should know how his money has been expended and for what purpose. We have endeavored faithfully to perform all the trusts confided to us, and feel that the facts will warrant the statement that we have not labored in vain.

HIGHWAYS.

The same apportionment of territory was assigned to each of the surveyors as last year ; and although there is always a demand upon the surveyors for work upon special localities, we believe that as much has been done as the appropriation would admit of, and that it has been placed where the greatest amount of benefit could be derived by all our citizens.

STREET LIGHTS.

The contract for lighting was continued the past year by the N. E. Gas Light Co., of Boston, for the amount of the appropriation. Mr. F. A. Brown, the manager, always cour-

teous in his relations to his patrons, has never failed to perform his full contract, and has ever seconded any suggestion looking to the care of the lamps or the manner of lighting.

There is always a call for additional street lights, and we would recommend a small appropriation for this purpose.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS.

During the year seven new posts have been located as follows : —

Vinton Street, opposite Perkins Street,
Elm Street, opposite Avon Street,
Cleveland Street, opposite Baxter Street,
Foster Street, opposite Trenton Street,
Winthrop Street,
Elm Street, near Green Street,
Emerson Street, corner Bellevue Avenue,

Making, with seventy-seven previously in use, eighty-four in all. Most of the posts have been painted during the summer, and otherwise made as serviceable as possible.

PERAMBULATION.

In conformity to the statute, your selectmen met the selectmen of Saugus in the month of September, 1875, and perambulated the town lines between Saugus and Melrose, and found the monuments correct and properly located and marked.

Early in October we met the selectmen of Stoneham, and went over the lines between Melrose and Stoneham, and found the monuments after no little search, they being in some cases more than a mile apart. Deeming that there should be additional monuments, we provided for their location, which will appear more fully by the joint report on file in the town clerk's office.

POOR.

The duties of almoners of public charity are rendered exceedingly delicate and laborious when performed with a reasonable degree of care and fidelity. With complicated pauper laws, which have always been a fruitful source of litigation, and have been made none the less so by recent enactments, together with the amount of research to be expended in the examination of distant city and town records, in order to ascertain the settlements of those who do not properly belong to us, involves an amount of labor and anxiety not easily understood but by those who have had experience in such service.

However generous may be our feelings towards the unfortunate, we are obliged to exercise the most rigid scrutiny in order to ascertain the truth of representations of applicants, thus often subjecting ourselves to the charge of meanness or of being harsh and unfeeling, when we are but protecting the worthy from the impositions of the idle and dissolute, who seek to crowd them out, and thus the means which were intended to minister to the wants of the unfortunate be made to foster indolence and encourage thriftlessness.

The year closes upon this class of our citizens with the same gloomy outlook with which it commenced. The continued decline of business activity, together with the general financial reverses, have been most severely felt by the working classes. We are sorry to report so many, heretofore able to make a living, who have been obliged to succumb to the pressure of circumstances and call for relief, or see their families suffer from positive want.

We find that their numbers are steadily increasing, which is owing not only to the stagnation of trade, but to a legislation, the practical workings of which has been to settle

nearly all the State paupers upon the various cities and towns where they happen to reside. We ventured to predict in our last annual report that such would be the final result, but did not anticipate so speedy a fulfilment of our prophecy; for we find that the operation of the new settlement law has been (since its passage May 28, 1874) to double the number of those to be legally provided for by this town. We have made strenuous efforts to provide work for those who were able-bodied, and have succeeded in many cases, which, with the considerable amounts disbursed by the various Christian charities of the town, have helped to alleviate the sufferings of many, and reduce the amount that must otherwise have been disbursed in this department.

The entire number for whom more or less provision has been made during the past year has been ninety-seven, which is more than ever appeared before in Melrose. Of this number, eighty-seven have legal pauper settlements in this town, against forty-six as reported on the previous year. Twelve persons have received full support for the whole or a part of the year, against eight the preceding year. There were two hundred and forty-two tramps lodged in the station-house during the year at a mere nominal cost, which previous to the construction of the lock-up was \$1 per head. This small number, as compared with many other towns, has been caused by the resolve of the Board not to feed them only in exceptional cases. We have found that a species of telegraphic communication is kept up between these fellows, by which they post each other on the accommodations and bills of fare of the respective towns through which they travel, so that they may systematize and lay their plans beforehand to make a flying visit and partake of the hospitalities of every town they choose in the Commonwealth. We have, therefore, concluded that spreading an open table to invite such men to swarm upon us is not the best form of charity.

The extra expense of the Harris family has been caused by a long-protracted sickness, by which two have died. So far as we can see, the numbers of our paupers must increase for the coming year, which will call for our most charitable consideration, in order to prevent still greater suffering among the worthy poor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Few towns in our Commonwealth can boast of a better organized department than our own, composed of men temperate in habits, brave and reliable in danger. We sleep soundly, feeling that in any emergency we are comparatively safe; but the events of the late conflagration on Main and Essex Streets show that we are unable to cope with so formidable an adversary, and had it not been for the help received from steam fire-engines from Malden and Stoneham we should have suffered much more severely. There are many buildings in our town, where, if a fire should once get a fair start, our department would be unable to cope with it successfully, not for want of pluck, but purely for want of a head of water.

We feel that it is only a question of time when we must be in possession of a steam fire-engine; but being strongly impressed with the spirit of retrenchment, which all should feel, we merely make the above suggestion, without any recommendation, leaving the subject for our citizens to reflect upon, not doubting that in due time we shall feel that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

LAW-SUITS.

On the 7th of January the case of "William J. Farnsworth vs. the Town of Melrose" was reached in the Superior Court.

This case, as is well known, is one where Mr. Farnsworth sought to recover the sum of \$552 for services as one of the

Board of Selectmen for 1873-74. He claimed that he performed extraordinary services which entitled him to extra pay. The town having instructed us to defend the suit, we employed Hon. Charles R. Train and S. F. Keyes, Esq., to defend the suit.

Under the instructions of the Court, and by consent of our counsel, the jury returned a verdict for Mr. Farnsworth, for actual cash expenses, in the sum of \$57, being about one fifth of the sum which we had previously offered him to settle the same.

Immediately following the above was reached the case of "*Nelson Cochrane vs. Town of Melrose.*"

This was the case where Mr. Cochrane sued to recover for services as one of the Building Committee of the new Town House. In this case Col. F. S. Hesseltine very ably managed the defence, which was successful; for the jury, under instructions from the Court, returned a verdict for the town.

Thus have ended two cases, and the town has reason to congratulate itself upon the results, for if a different result had been reached, the door would have been opened for an indefinite amount of bills which we should have been liable to pay.

MALDEN vs. MELROSE.

On the 15th of February, present year, a writ was served upon us, returnable the second Monday in March, at Lowell, to compel us to support two paupers now in the Malden Poorhouse, named respectively George and Ezra Waitt. Believing that we were in no way responsible for them or their support, we most positively refused the generous invitation to adopt them, hence this suit. We employed Col. Hesseltine to look up the law and facts in the case, and he having given the matter a thorough investigation, advises a defence of the suit.

TOWN CLOCK.

On the 7th of September Mr. Daniel Russell, our esteemed fellow-citizen, waited upon our Board, and stated that in his opinion our town-hall building looked incomplete without a clock in the belfry, and that while he did not wish to be understood as making the offer from any personal motive, still if we would accept it, he should be pleased to donate to the town the best clock that is made in this country. We at once accepted his very liberal offer, and he immediately ordered to be placed in the tower one of Howard's largest and best of clocks. No expense was spared, and everything in connection with it was done with a view not only to beauty but also to durability. We feel in behalf of our citizens to return thanks to Mr. Russell for his timely gift, knowing that as often as it strikes the fleeting hours with its deep tones, the memory of our people is called to the liberality of the donor, and in the language of the poet they say, —

“There is a prayer of simple art,
‘That from the tongue the readiest slips,
That springs spontaneous from the heart
And breaks in blessing on the lips, —
Bless you!”

ARMORY RENT.

By a vote of the town, a lease for Armory for Battery C, Second Battalion, Light Artillery, was executed with H. A. Leonard, for the term of five years, at a rent of \$600 per annum. This lease was approved by the Military Committee and by the adjutant-general, who agreed, on the part of the State, to refund this amount. When our treasurer made the settlement for the past year, he was surprised to find that only \$484 had been allowed by the State. In explanation the adjutant-general informs us that his appropriation was short, and that he was obliged to make a reduction in the

same ratio upon every armory in the State. He expressed regret that necessity compelled him to adopt this course, but assured us that we had fared no worse than our neighbors.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

The law requires that returns for rent of armories must be made up and presented previous to Dec. 1 of each year. During the sickness of our former treasurer, the returns for 1872 were not presented within the specified time, consequently the authorities refused to pay \$300, the sum due for that year.

On the 12th of January we drew up a petition to the Legislature, then in session, asking for the reimbursement of this sum. Mr. E. H. Goss, our representative, presented the same, and had it referred. At the hearing before the committee our town clerk, Mr. Larrabee, explained the whole matter, and what seemed to us a simple matter of justice came near being defeated. Mr. Goss watched it very carefully, however, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the money is now doing good service in the hands of our town treasurer.

TOWN HALL BUILDING.

During the past year the hall has not been let so much as it probably would have been if the times had been more prosperous.

So far we have looked to the letting of the hall to furnish funds to pay all the running expenses of the building (if we except two or three items of minor importance). It seems to us that this is not right; either we should have an appropriation sufficient to meet deficiencies, or else the various occupants of the offices within the building should pay a small rent, sufficient to keep this fund unimpaired, and it

should be paid from their several appropriations to the credit of the Town Hall Fund.

At the commencement of the year we appeared before the Finance Committee, and asked for a small appropriation to enable us to meet the running expenses of the building. This they declined to recommend, thinking, perhaps, that the rent from the hall would be sufficient. A glance at the financial statement of this account will show that either the plan suggested above must be adopted, or an annual appropriation made to cover deficiencies.

Last summer we had the cellar that was left by the removal of the Newhall building filled, and the ground in the rear of building properly graded.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Very early in March, 1875, we were summoned to appear before the county commissioners, to show cause why we should not be assessed for the building and maintenance of the bridge across Mystic River, at Somerville. Most of the cities and towns were represented at this hearing by able counsel, and the hearing was full and complete. Deeming it inexpedient to employ counsel, we appeared as the representatives of the town, and presented what to us seemed satisfactory reasons why we should not be assessed, and had the satisfaction of finding that in the making up of the final award our views had been sustained by the commissioners and no damages assessed upon our town.

PETITION OF ADMINISTRATOR OF DYER ESTATE.

In the month of May, 1875, we received the following notice : —

To the Honorable the County Commissioners of the County of Middlesex,

Respectfully represents George W. Phillips, of Saugus, in the County of Essex, administrator of the estate of David Dyer, late of Everett,

in the County of Middlesex, deceased, intestate. That on the 28th day of March, A. D. 1871, and for a long time before that date, said David Dyer was seized in fee, in his own right, and was in possession of a certain mill-pond and dam in Malden, in the said County of Middlesex, known as the Odiorne Pond and Dam, being the same dam intended in the order hereinafter cited, which furnished a valuable mill power as well as water for washing, cleansing, and dyeing ; that the same was of great value to said Dyer, and capable of yielding him large income and profit in that under and by virtue of the provisions contained in an Act of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, passed June 11, 1869 (See Chap. 378, A. D. 1869), entitled "An Act relating to Drainage in the Towns of Malden and Melrose," and in an Act in addition thereto, passed May 9, 1870 (See Chap. 228, A.D. 1870). An order was passed by your Honorable Board the twenty-eighth day of March, 1871, that the dam at the upper mill privilege, or Dyer's Mill, should be removed forthwith, and agents were at the same time appointed by you to execute said order ; that in pursuance thereof said dam was at once taken possession of by said agents, and was by them taken down and removed, without the consent of said Dyer, and he was thereby greatly injured in his property. That your Board failed to make, either at the time of making said order, or of the actual taking possession, taking down and removing of said dam, any assessment or award of said Dyer's damage, in that behalf sustained. That in and by said first-named Act your Board is authorized to agree and effect a settlement of the damage sustained by any person to his property by reason of your acts under the same. That for greater caution said Dyer applied to your Honorable Board within one year from the date of said order, and from the time of the actual taking possession, taking down and removing of said dam, by his petition filed and presented Feb. 20, 1872, at a regular session of said Board, setting forth the facts hereinbefore alleged, and prayed that the amount of his said damage might be agreed upon and settled by you, if the same could be done to his satisfaction ; but your Board declined so to do, and awarded no damage to said Dyer, all which appears by said petition, with your order thereon, dated Feb. 20, 1872, now on file. And so said Dyer failed alike to receive any award or assessment of damage by your Honorable Board and to effect a settlement therefor by agreement. That thereupon said Dyer applied to your Honorable Board, also within one year from the date of said order and from the time of the actual taking possession, taking down and removing of said dam, by his petition filed and presented March 26, 1872, at a reg-

ular session of said Board, setting forth the facts hereinbefore alleged, and that he was dissatisfied and aggrieved by the doings of your Board in the premises, and prayed that he might have a jury to determine the matter of his complaint, and to revise the judgment of your Board in the matter of his damages, and to assess and award the same as they should deem just, according to the statute in such case made and provided. Said petitioner further represents that said Dyer deceased, intestate, on the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1873, having never had said trial by jury as prayed for by him. That said petitioner was appointed administrator on said Dyer's estate, and has been duly qualified for that trust. Wherefore your petitioner, desiring to revive and prosecute said last-named petition of his intestate, asks leave that he may be permitted to come in and appear for that purpose, and that the prayer of said petition may be granted; that a warrant may be issued for a jury, and that a trial by jury and such other proceedings may be had as are in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided; and that he may have such other relief in the premises as to law and justice appertains.

GEO. W. PHILLIPS,

Administrator.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Cambridge, in said county, on the first Tuesday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, to wit, by adjournment at said Cambridge, on the sixth day of April, A. D. 1875.

On the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner notify the town of Malden, the town of Melrose, and the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, all in said county, to appear before said commissioners at their meeting, to be holden at said Cambridge, on the first Tuesday of June next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of each of said towns and said Railroad Company each with an attested copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said last mentioned day, that said towns and Railroad

Company may then and there show cause, if any there be, why the prayer in said petition contained should not be granted.

By the County Commissioners.

JOHN J. SAWYER,
Asst. Clerk.

Copy of petition and order thereon.

Attest:

JOHN J. SAWYER,
Asst. Clerk.

A true copy.

Attest:

EBEN W. FISKE,
Deputy Sheriff.

In pursuance to this notice, we appeared and had a hearing, Mr. Phillips asking for a jury, we denying his right to a jury, as the commissioners had made no final award, and consequently that his application was premature. At the close of the second day (the hearing lasting two days), after full argument by all the parties, our view of the matter was sustained and the petition dismissed.

This left the whole matter in an unsettled condition where it had been hanging for years; and acting upon the request of the commissioners, seconded by our own citizens, we presented a request to have the matter terminated at once. Accordingly notice was issued, and several long and protracted hearings were the result. On the 9th of September, 1875, together with the commissioners and the selectmen of Malden, we went over the entire ground, from the old dam in Malden to Ell Pond in Melrose.

At each and every one of these hearings our aim was to show that no damages should be awarded to the Dyer heirs, as they had been fully compensated by the payment of a large sum for the Spot Pond water, and that without this privilege their dam was worthless; and the commissioners sustained our view of the matter, awarding them no damages.

Also, that the improved land which the drainage had left was worth more to them than before its removal.

The following statement will show how much and to whom the town had paid out by order of the commissioners during the years 1871-72:—

AMOUNTS PAID BY THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF
MELROSE.

1871.

June 7, paid John Norton	\$105 00
September 14, paid John Norton	400 00
September 25, paid Ellis & Co.	200 00
September 25, paid S. O. Dearborn	175 00
September 30 and October 2, paid Ellis & Co.	200 00
October 3, paid John Norton	500 00
October 14, paid Ellis & Co.	500 00
October 28, paid Ellis & Co.	260 00
October 28, paid Levi Martin	65 00
October 28, paid John Norton	122 49

1872.

February 23, paid Ellis & Co.	400 00
October 3, paid Ellis & Co.	400 00

1873.

January 13, paid Ellis & Co.	18 06
February 5, paid S. O. Dearborn	100 00

Total	<u>\$3,445 55</u>
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We also claimed that the towns of Melrose and Malden, having already paid large sums of money for this work, were entitled to receive from the other parties benefited, especially the Boston and Maine Railroad, a sum sufficient to equalize and place upon each a fair share of the expense, in proportion to the amount of benefit received.

A large number of witnesses were summoned by the com-

missioners, and almost all of them, with very few exceptions, took this same view of the case; and also that the Boston and Maine Railroad had received great benefit, owning a large number of acres within the limits of the two towns which had been vastly improved. Every point was fully brought out in the many days spent in the investigation, and on the 18th of January, 1876, we received a copy of the award in the case, which we consider of sufficient importance to our citizens to publish entire, and it will be found annexed in this report.

Subsequently we received notice from Mr. Phillips that on March 2d he should make another formal application to the County Commissioners for a sheriff's jury to assess damages in the above case. We employed Col. F. S. Hesseltine to appear in behalf of the town and oppose the petition. After argument by the counsel for the several parties in interest, the commissioners dismissed the petition.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

The financial affairs of the town continue to improve. The treasurer's report shows a reduction of about \$21,000 in the debt of the town. The debt of the town contracted prior to January 1, 1874, is fully protected by the sinking fund. Some say, "Abolish the sinking fund." Query: Can a government, State, or town abolish or essentially modify at will with impunity a sinking fund, established to meet certain obligations, before those obligations are practically met? We have a large debt, but we have considerable property to show for it. Our taxes have been high; thoughtless appropriations and protracted litigation are costly luxuries. Every appropriation should be fully discussed and well understood before voting it. Melrose is not a manufacturing town. Depression in any particular business does not seriously affect our growth. We are a young and thrifty people, found in all kinds of business, gleaning the fruits of

earnest toil. The assessor's report shows that the population and wealth of the town are steadily increasing; that a large number of good, substantial houses have been built the past year in spite of the general depression of business, not for sale or to let, but for homesteads; that we have a compact little territory, about three miles square, almost every inch of which is valuable. We have ample church accommodations and costly schools. We have splendid railroad facilities, good county and town roads, good water and good drainage. We have a healthful soil and beautiful natural scenery. We have enjoyed the past year special immunity from calamity and pestilence. "We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple."

Respectfully submitted.

WALTER BABB,
H. G. FIELDS,
GEO. A. MANSFIELD,
Selectmen of Melrose.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

WE are all interested in the work of the Board of Health. It stands in the pathway of the pestilence — between us somewhat and death. It is our duty to make it active and efficient. Death meets us always, everywhere; but it is simply a new mode of life, a change from time to eternity; we should care to live but be ready to die. Dr. Moses Parker and forty others, and Mr. J. D. Wilde and thirteen others, asked the Selectmen, as a Board of Health, to abate a formidable nuisance, which was offensive to the neighbors and injurious to the general health, consisting of a sheet of stagnant water on wet and rotten land bounded by Main, Foster, Myrtle, and Essex Streets. This case affects a large number of private estates and a great amount of private property. It has been before the town for relief for many years. The selectmen made a thorough examination of the liability of the town at a very considerable expense to the town, and found the town was in no wise at fault, and that the ditch below Essex Street, the natural outlet of the water into Dix Pond, wholly through private property, was completely filled up. This ditch is recognized and the line clearly defined in the deeds of the estates through which it passes.

The law on the subject, General Statutes, Chap. 26, Sect. 1 :
"A town respecting which no provision is made by special law for choosing a Board of Health may at its annual meeting, or at a meeting legally warned for the purpose, choose

a Board of Health, to consist of not less than three nor more than nine persons, or may choose a health officer. If no board or officer is chosen the selectmen shall be the Board of Health."

ACTS OF 1868, CHAP. 160.

1. When any lands in any city or town are wet, rotten, or spongy, or covered with stagnant water, so as to be offensive to persons residing in the vicinity thereof, or injurious to health, the same shall be deemed to be a nuisance, and the Board of Health or health officer of such city or town may, upon petition and hearing, abate such nuisance in the manner provided in the following sections.

2. Any one or more persons claiming to be injuriously affected by such nuisance may, by petition, describing the premises upon which such nuisance is claimed to exist, and setting out the nature of the nuisance complained of, apply to the Board of Health or health officer for its abatement, whereupon such Board of Health, or health officer, shall proceed to view the premises and examine into the nature and cause of such nuisance.

3. If upon such examination the Board of Health or health officer shall be of opinion that the prayer of the petition or any part thereof should be granted, he or they shall appoint a time and place for a hearing upon the petition, and before the time so appointed shall cause reasonable notice of the time and place to be given to the petitioners, the persons whose lands it may be necessary to enter upon to abate the nuisance, and any other persons who may be affected by the proceedings, and, except in those cities and towns in which the mayor and aldermen and selectmen constitute the Board of Health, to the mayor and the chairman of the selectmen, that they may be heard upon the necessity and mode of abating such nuisance, and the questions of damages, and of the assessment and apportionment of the expenses thereof.

4. Such notice shall be in writing, and may be served by any person competent to serve civil process, upon the mayor and chairman of the selectmen, the petitioners, the owner or occupant of any land upon which it may be necessary to enter, or which may be benefited thereby, or his authorized agent, or by leaving an attested copy of such notice at the last and usual place of abode of such persons; but if the lands are unoccupied, and the owner or agent is unknown, or without the State, the notice to such owner may be served by posting an attested

copy thereof upon the premises, or by advertising in one or more public newspapers in such manner and for such length of time as the Board of Health or health officer may direct.

5. At the time and place appointed for the hearing, the Board of Health or health officer shall hear the parties, and after such hearing may cause such nuisance to be abated, according to his or their discretion; and for that purpose may enter and make such excavations, embankments, and drains upon any lands, and under and across any streets and ways as may be necessary for such abatement. They shall also determine in what manner and at whose expense the improvements made shall be kept in repair, and shall estimate and award the amount of damage sustained by and benefit accruing to any person by reason of such improvements, and what proportion of the expense of making and keeping the same in repair shall be borne by the city or town and by any person benefited thereby. The damages so awarded shall be paid by the city or town, and there shall be assessed to the several persons benefited by such improvements his proportionate part, to be ascertained as before provided, of the expense of making and keeping in repair such improvements, and the same shall be included in the next city or town taxes of such persons, and shall be a lien upon the real estate benefited thereby, and be collected in the same manner as other taxes upon real estate, and shall be liable to abatement as other taxes now are.

6. The Boards of Health and health officer shall, within thirty days after the abatement of any nuisance in the manner hereinbefore provided, make return to the city or town clerk of their doings in the premises, which return shall be by him recorded in the city or town books.

7. If the Board of Health or health officer shall unreasonably refuse or neglect to proceed in the matter of said petition, the petitioner may apply by petition to the Superior Court, or any justice thereof, who, upon a hearing and good cause shown, may appoint three commissioners, who shall proceed in the manner hereinbefore provided.

8. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Health, health officer, or commissioners in their estimate and award of damages, may make complaint to the county commissioners for the county, at any time within one year after return to the city or town clerk, whereupon the same proceedings shall be had as are now provided by law in cases where persons or parties are aggrieved by the award of damages by selectmen for land taken for a town way.

The Board viewed the premises and were "of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted," and we called a public meeting of all persons interested in the matter, to be held in the selectmen's room June 4, 1875. Testimony taken. J. D. Wilde says, "It is a nuisance, it is injurious to the health of the whole community and ought to be abated somehow forthwith." Geo. H. Young says, "It is a nuisance, smells bad, and is injurious to health." Chas. T. Stevens says, "It is a nuisance and ought to be abated by filling." H. A. Norris says, "It is a nuisance and ought to be abated by the town; it does not effect my property, objects to any special assessment for abating it." Geo. F. Boardman says, "The water is a nuisance, will not object to pay a reasonable special assessment to have the water drained off," afterwards qualified by saying, "will not object to pay my regular taxes." W. I. Ellis says, "It is a nuisance." T. J. Kimball says, "It is a nuisance, and ought to be abated by drainage and done by the town, but will not object to pay a reasonable special assessment to have it abated." W. W. Boardman says, "Don't know as it is a nuisance, can take care of my property, but will not object to pay a reasonable special assessment to have the water drained off into Dix Pond." Wm. Larrabee says, "The water is a nuisance and ought to be drained off into Dix Pond; will not object to pay a special assessment to have it drained off." H. A. Thomas says, "It is a great nuisance, smells bad, is injurious to health, ought to be drained into Dix Pond, that Mrs. C. A. Shattuck will not object to pay any reasonable special assessment to have it abated." L. W. Lovering considers it a great nuisance. F. C. Anthes says, "It is a nuisance; have no objection to under-drainage by the old ditch through my land to Dix Pond." A. B. Pierce says, "It is a nuisance." P. Batchelder says, "It is a nuisance, injurious to health." Mrs. M. B. Hopkins appeared some time previously before

the Board and testified: "It is a great nuisance, ruining my health and destroying my property; would be willing to do anything to have it abated, pay the whole expense, if necessary, of abating it." After hearing the above testimony, with our own knowledge of the case, the Board adjudged it to be a nuisance, and decided to reopen the ditch below Essex Street and drain the water into Dix Pond, and assess the whole expense on estates immediately benefited.

The following bills have been approved by this Board and paid by the town, to wit:—

A. W. Lynde, for opening the ditch and putting in a box culvert	\$150 00
S. F. Keyes, Esq., for legal services	47 00
Moses Briggs, for serving notices	10 00
Babb & Stevens, for printing notices	3 00
John Larrabee, for recording the report	6 00
Total	<u>\$216 00</u>

(Mr. Larrabee afterwards altered his bill to \$4.00.)

And the amount assessed as follows, to wit:—

Geo. F. Boardman	\$26 00
W. W. Boardman	26 00
Wm. Larrabee	26 00
Archbishop Williams	26 00
T. J. Kimball	26 00
M. B. Hopkins	26 00
C. A. Shattuck	15 00
G. Burnham	15 00
S. A. Boardman	10 00
S. J. Larrabee	10 00
H. A. Norris	10 00
Total	<u>\$216 00</u>

A complete report of all our doings has been made and recorded in the town clerk's office, and a written request was made of the assessors — giving them a history of the case — to assess the parties the sums set against their respective names, but they appeared before this Board and orally made answer, "We respectfully return your communication and decline to act." We then made a written request of the collector — giving him a history of the case — to put these sums on the next tax-bills of the respective parties, and he did so, but none have paid as yet, we believe, save Archbishop Williams.

We believe that this is the first important case ever brought before the selectmen as a Board of Health in the history of this town.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. A. MANSFIELD,
H. G. FIELD,
WALTER BABB,

Board of Health.

REPORT AND AWARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS. :

At a meeting of the county commissioners for the county of Middlesex, holden at Lowell, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

The petition of Wingate P. Sargent and others for drainage of lands in Malden and Melrose.

This petition was presented to the county commissioners, at their meeting holden at Cambridge, within and for said county, on the first Tuesday of January, A. D. 1871, when and where said commissioners caused notice to be given to all persons and corporations interested therein of the time and place when and where they would meet for the purpose of viewing the premises and hearing the parties, as by said notice on file will fully appear, and thence said petition was continued from time to time to this time.

And now the said commissioners make return of their proceedings in the premises, as follows: The county commissioners for said county, having given notice according to law, met at the Town Hall in Malden, on the 21st day of February, 1871, when and where the petitioners appeared and were heard, as does more fully appear by the following order and decree, made and issued on the 28th day of March of the same year, to wit:—

“Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Middlesex County, Commissioners’ Court. In session this day, March 28, 1871. January meeting. Docket number 82. Petition of Wingate P. Sargent and others for drainage of lands in Malden and

Melrose, and removing obstructions in brooks and streams in said towns between Ell Pond in Melrose and Spot Pond in Stoneham to the tide-water in Malden. The proceedings of the commissioners upon the petition are under a special Act of the Legislature of the year 1869. The first meeting of the commissioners was at the Town Hall in Malden on the twenty-first day of February last past. That meeting was adjourned to March 16th, inst., at the same place. At the adjourned meeting all the commissioners were present, — the Water Commissioners of Malden and of Melrose. D. W. Gooch, Esq., was also present as counsel for the petitioners, and the Water Commissioners' certificates were received at this meeting by the commissioners from the town clerks of Malden and Melrose that both of these towns had accepted the Act reasonably and legally. The premises were then examined; then a hearing on the question of removing the obstructions. In this hearing it appeared as the sentiment of the witnesses, and through them as the sentiments of both Malden and Melrose, that the dam at the upper privilege, or Dyer's Mill privilege, should be removed. Upon a careful consideration of the matter, the commissioners, therefore, do now deem the removal of the said dam at said Dyer's privilege "necessary for the purposes of proper drainage and the public health"; and they further issue this their order and decree that the dam be removed, and in such manner that the water standing above the said dam may pass away with as much facility as may comport with the safety of the lower privilege and the banks above, and that the brooks and streams be permitted to flow without obstruction from Ell Pond in Melrose and Spot Pond in Stoneham to a point below the present (Dyer) dam and to the water basin or pond of the lower or Barrett privilege.

"The commissioners further order, decree, and direct that this removal of the said dam be forthwith; and they appoint

as agents for this service Albert T. Sargent, of Malden, and Jeremiah Martin, of Melrose. And these agents are directed to personally superintend the removal of this dam; and in order that such further decrees as may be necessary for a full accomplishment of the object provided for in the Act above referred to may hereafter be made, they are to examine the premises in question as the water falls from the marshes and meadows adjacent to the brooks into the old channels, and note whether or not these channels are free from obstructions. And these said agents, at the expiration of ten days, are directed to report in writing to this commission an account of their proceedings and findings in this matter.

"LEONARD HUNTRESS.

"E. J. COLLINS.

"J. H. WAITT."

After the passage of the foregoing order and decree, the commissioners did further adjudge and decree that the streams or brooks named in said Act of 1869 should be located, and their courses and widths described; and the work of surveying and engineering the same was intrusted to the care of the agent, Albert T. Sargent, Esq., and the description embraced in his report following is a true description as made and surveyed by him, the said Sargent: —

AGENT'S REPORT.

Pursuant to the annexed order and decree, the agents named therein proceeded according to directions, and caused the dam at Odiorne Pond to be taken down March 31, 1871; and afterwards the drains were widened, straightened, and excavated at an expense of . . . \$7,115 60

Of which the town of Malden paid . . . \$3,670 05

And the town of Melrose paid . . . 3,445 55

The following is the location of the drains: Beginning at the south line of Mountain Avenue in the centre of the bridge; thence running northerly to a drill-hole in the covering-stone on the bridge, and on the north line of the avenue 106 $\frac{92}{100}$ feet easterly from the east line of Linden Avenue; thence running north 10° 15' east, 1,443 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet; thence by a curve to the right of 313 feet, radius 99.13; thence north 28° 24' east, 704.65 feet; thence by a curve to the left of 230 feet, radius 98 $\frac{8}{10}$ feet; thence north 3° 47' east 1,416.9 feet; thence north 2° 53' west 219.7 feet; thence by a curve to the left of 59.92 feet, radius 70.52 feet; thence north 70° 20' west, passing under the Boston and Maine Railroad 56 feet; thence by a curve to the right of 24.22 feet, radius 33.42 feet; thence north 8° 45', east 652.82 feet to the centre of a cart-road on land of the heirs of Joseph Lynde; thence north 10° 37', east 308.22 feet; thence north 15° 57', east 148.87 feet; thence north 4° 42', east 98.03 feet; thence north 11° 48', west 95.24 feet; thence north 15° 48', west 45.12 feet; thence north 3° 48', west 211.35 feet; thence north 2° 22', east 346 feet; thence north 5° 50', east 288.23 feet; thence north 36° 20', east 71 feet; thence north 51° 10', east 76.9 feet; thence north 28° 14', east 229.53 feet; thence north 55° 14', east 186.34 feet; thence north 70° 26', east 128.44 feet; thence by a curve to the left of 89.15 feet, radius 85.76 feet, to a stake on the west line of the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence north 15° 06', east 729.89 feet to a stake at the junction of the north line of Spot Pond Brook; thence same course 347.76 feet to the south side of Wyoming Avenue and 8 feet westerly from the west line of the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad. The above is the centre line of said drain, and said drain is laid out twenty-five (25) feet wide to the stake on the west line of the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad at the north end of the curve above mentioned; from thence to Wyoming Avenue it gradually converges to 16 feet wide.

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Ell Pond drain, beginning at the west line of the location of the Boston and Maine Railroad, near the southerly line of Wyoming Avenue; thence following the present location across Wyoming Avenue, the Boston and Maine Railroad, Berwick Street and land of J. Worthen, to the north end of said Worthen's building; thence commencing at a mark on the north end of said Worthen's building, 18.92 feet from the northwest corner thereof; thence running north $65^{\circ} 17'$, east 406.68 feet to a stake; thence north $70^{\circ} 17'$, east 100.96 feet, thence north $51^{\circ} 40'$, east 142.31 feet across Grove Street to a stake; thence by a curve to the right of 35.55 feet, radius 30.6 feet to a stake, thence south 79° , east 111.62 feet; thence south $87^{\circ} 20'$, east 104.42 feet, thence by a curve to the left of 163.25 feet, radius 110 feet; thence north $54^{\circ} 03'$, east 301.69 feet to a stake opposite the south line of land of Elbridge Green; thence north $46^{\circ} 45'$, east 176.64 feet to a stake opposite the north line of land of said Green; thence north $53^{\circ} 13'$, east 409.32 feet; thence north $65^{\circ} 43'$, east 83.37 feet; thence by a curve to the left of 135.45 feet, radius 59.43 feet, thence north $40^{\circ} 34'$, east 170 feet to a stake about 4 feet north of a wash-house over the drain; thence north $34^{\circ} 14'$, east 25.16 feet; thence north $22^{\circ} 14'$, east 69.85 feet; thence north $17^{\circ} 53'$, east 360.38 feet; thence north $8^{\circ} 08'$, east 545.65 feet to Emerson Street; thence north $8^{\circ} 22'$, east 190.48 feet to a stake on Main Street; thence north $3^{\circ} 47'$, east 100 feet across Main Street; thence north 13° , west 30.65 feet to Ell Pond. The above described line is the centre line of said drain, and said drain is laid out 12 feet wide. The stakes on each side of said drain are driven 8 feet from said centre line, but the location is 6 feet from said centre line.

Spot Pond Brook, beginning at a stake at the junction of the centre line of the first described drain 347.76 feet southerly from the south line of Wyoming Avenue; thence running north $62^{\circ} 34'$, west 52.35 feet; thence north $76^{\circ} 35'$, west 87

feet ; thence south $89^{\circ} 55'$, west 59.7 feet to Pleasant Street ; thence north $60^{\circ} 58'$, west 307 feet ; thence north $80^{\circ} 23'$, west 73 feet ; thence north $64^{\circ} 21'$, west 27 feet ; thence north $52^{\circ} 56'$, west 131 feet ; thence north $79^{\circ} 11'$, west 34 feet ; thence north $43^{\circ} 41'$, west 100 feet ; thence north $82^{\circ} 02'$, west 83.2 feet ; thence south $85^{\circ} 23'$, west 100.5 feet ; thence south $86^{\circ} 51'$, west 82 feet ; thence north $82^{\circ} 27'$, west 30 feet ; thence north $73^{\circ} 57'$, west 13 feet ; thence north $66^{\circ} 39'$, west 86 feet ; thence north $58^{\circ} 31'$, west 20.3 feet to Trenton Street ; thence as the drain now runs to Washington Street. The above described line is the northerly line of said drain, and said drain is laid out 12 feet wide.

Drain from Spot and Ell Pond Brook to Main Street, in Malden, beginning at the westerly line of Main Street, on the centre line of the culvert, thence running north $73^{\circ} 08'$, west 413.3 feet to a stake ; thence by a curve to the left of 40.6 feet radius, to said first described drain. The above described line is the centre line of said drain, and said drain is laid out 12 feet wide. All the above courses are by magnetic needle, and the above locations are intended to conform to a plan drawn by A. F. and N. N. Sargent.

A. F. SARGENT, *Agent*.

And the commissioners do now incorporate into (and make the same a part of the return) the above report of the acts and doings of their agent, in removing the dam and obstructions, and deepening and straightening and widening the channels of said brooks and streams ; and they do also adopt the above location of the said brooks and streams and drains, as made in the above agent's report.

The commissioners determine and award to J. A. Harrington, of Melrose, the sum of forty dollars (\$40) ; to Mrs. E. L. Noyes, of Melrose, the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15) ; and to Artemas Barrett, of Melrose, the sum of fifty dollars

(\$50); which several sums, amounting to one hundred and five dollars (\$105), are to be paid them by the town of Melrose, and the commissioners hereby order and direct the said town of Melrose to so pay them.

The commissioners further determine that the following persons and corporations "holding real estate upon or near said brooks are benefited by the acts of the commissioners hereinbefore authorized, and they are required to pay to the treasurer of the town in which said real estate is situated the following sums as their proportionate shares of the expenditures for the purposes aforesaid:—

S. W. Gould, of Malden, fifteen dollars (\$15), to the treasurer of Malden.

The heirs of N. B. Gould, of Malden, ten dollars (\$10), to the treasurer of Malden.

Charles E. Damon, of Malden, twenty-five dollars (\$25), to the treasurer of Malden.

The Boston and Maine Railroad Co., one hundred and ninety dollars (\$190), to the treasurer of Malden.

Charles T. Oakes, fifty dollars (\$50), to the treasurer of Malden.

S. W. Gould and M. A. Metcalf, fifteen dollars (\$15), to the treasurer of Malden.

The Boston and Maine Railroad Co., ten dollars (\$10), to the treasurer of Melrose.

Charles T. Oakes, ten dollars (\$10), to the treasurer of Melrose.

The estate of Joseph Lynde, one hundred dollars (\$100), to the treasurer of Melrose.

Warren Lynde, fifty dollars (\$50), to the 'treasurer of Melrose.

The estate of Charles Copeland, ten dollars (\$10), to the treasurer of Melrose.

Elbridge Green and Marshall, fifty dollars (\$50), to the treasurer of Melrose.

And the commissioners find that no other parties have sustained damage beyond their benefits.

The commissioners further determine that the costs of these proceedings, both for the commissioners and the engineer, shall be paid by the town of Melrose.

And they further determine that for the equalization of the burden of expenses for the work performed as compared with the benefits received, the town of Melrose is directed and required to pay to the treasurer of the town of Malden two hundred dollars (\$200).

The commissioners further determine that whenever the Boston and Maine Railroad shall have occasion to use the land alongside their road-bed below the Wyoming Depot, where the channel of the brook now runs, at their own expense, they may change the said channel by removing it to the westerly or opposite side of the location of the drain.

The accounts of the towns separately will stand, then, as follows : —

<i>Melrose</i> has already paid	\$3,445 55
By this order that town is required to pay the town of Malden	200 00
By this order that town is required to pay parties injured	105 00
By this order that town is required to pay the engineer's expenses and charges	385 00
By this order that town is required to pay the commissioner's expenses	200 00
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	\$4,335 55
And is entitled to receive by this order from parties benefited	230 00
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Making the share of costs for Melrose	<u>\$4,105 55</u>

Malden has already paid	\$3,670	05
And is entitled to receive by this order from parties benefited .	\$305	
And is entitled to receive by this order from the town of Melrose,	200	505 00
Making the share of costs for Malden .		<u>\$3,165 05</u>

The town of Malden is to keep in repair and maintain that part of the drain within the limits of that town, and Melrose to maintain and keep in repair that part within the limits of the town of Melrose.

In witness whereof, the said county commissioners have hereunto set their hands this twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five.

LEONARD HUNTRESS.

H. HARWOOD.

DANIEL G. WALTON.

And said commissioners order that said return be accepted and recorded, and that all the matters therein ordered be done and performed accordingly.

JOHN J. SAWYER,

Assistant Clerk.

A true copy of return.

Attest :

JOHN J. SAWYER,

Assistant Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Statistics of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in the Town of Melrose, from January 1, 1875, to January 1, 1876.

BIRTHS.

Whole number	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	82
Less than last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Males 37, females 45.								
American parentage	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Foreign	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
American and foreign	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3—82

MARRIAGES.

Whole number	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Less than last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
American born	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25 couples.
Foreign	"	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 "
American and foreign born	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 "
First marriage of parties	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56
Second marriage of parties	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Third marriage of parties	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
								62—31 couples.

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE RECORDED.

Whole number of couples	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Both parties residing in Melrose	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
But one party residing in Melrose	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22

DEATHS.

Whole number	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80
More than last year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Males (married)	16
Females (married)	9
Widows	5
Widowers	3
Males (single)	22
Females (single)	25
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Under one year	22
Over 1 year and under 10 years	9
" 10 " " 20 "	5
" 20 " " 30 "	10
" 30 " " 40 "	4
" 40 " " 50 "	5
" 50 " " 60 "	9
" 60 " " 70 "	8
" 70 " " 80 "	7
" 80 " " 90 "	1
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DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Accidents, R. R. 2 ; Paralysis from accident, 1 ; Apoplexy, 2 ; Bright's Disease, 2 ; Blood Poison and Diarrhœa, 1 ; Brain Disease, 1 ; Cancer, 2 ; Congestion of the Lungs and Brain, 2 ; Convulsions and Teething, 3 ; Consumption, 16 ; Canker, 1 ; Cholera Infantum, 6 ; Diarrhœa and Meningitis, 1 ; Diphtheria, 5 ; Dropsy, 1 ; Embolism and Brain Disease, 1 ; Fracture and Ulcer, 1 ; Hemorrhage of Lungs, 1 ; Whooping Cough and Measles, 1 ; Heart Disease and Dropsy, 4 ; Heart Disease and Pneumonia, 2 ; Inflammatory Rheumatism, 1 ; Inflammation of Bowels, 2 ; Kidney Disease and Dropsy, 2 ;

Marasmus, 1 ; Measles, 1 ; Malignant Disease of Stomach, 1 ; Paralysis, 4 ; Pneumonia, 2 ; Premature Birth, 5 ; Paralysis and Pneumonia, 1 ; Rheumatism and Heart Disease, 1 ; Rheumatic Fever, 1 ; Typhoid Fever and Cardiac Paralysis, 1 ; Typhoid-Pneumonia, 1.

THE PLACES OF THEIR NATIVITY.

Melrose	32
Other places in the United States	35
Foreign	13
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	80

Population of Melrose, 1875, State Census, . . 3,990

Number of Dogs licensed during the year 1875 . 245

232 males at \$2.00 each . . . \$464.00

13 females at \$5.00 each . . . 65.00

\$529.00

Less clerk's fees, — 245 at 20 cents each, 49.00

\$480.00

Amount paid to Amos Stone, County Treas-

urer, as required by law . . . \$480.00

JOHN LARRABEE, *Town Clerk.*

RULES AND ORDERS

TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF ALL TOWN-MEETINGS.

RULE 1. Every person, when about to speak, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair or Moderator, confine himself to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and sit down when he has finished.

RULE 2. When two or more persons rise to speak at once, the Moderator shall name the person who shall have the floor.

RULE 3. No person speaking shall be interrupted except by a call to order.

When a question of order is raised, it shall be at once decided; and if decided in favor of the person speaking, he may proceed; if otherwise, he cannot proceed, even in order, without leave.

RULE 4. All questions of order shall be decided by the Moderator; no person shall be allowed to speak without leave from him; and at his request, all persons shall be silent.

RULE 5. The Moderator shall declare all votes. If a vote is doubted by seven voters, a count by tellers shall be had. There shall be no further debate after such division is called for until the count is taken.

RULE 6. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table or

pass over, for the previous question, to postpone to a time certain, to commit, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order.

RULE 7. A motion to adjourn shall always be first in order (except when the business of balloting for State officers is unfinished); and this motion, and the motions to lay on the table or pass over and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 8. The previous question shall be put in the following form, "Shall the main question be now put?" and until this question is decided, all debate on the main proposition shall be suspended.

After, adopting the previous question, the sense of the meeting shall be taken upon any pending amendments in the order inverse of that in which they were moved, and finally upon the main question.

RULE 9. On the previous question, no person shall speak more than once without leave.

All questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question shall be decided without debate.

RULE 10. All original questions shall be put in the order in which they are moved, unless, as in the case of amendments, the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

RULE 11. No person shall speak more than once on any question until other persons who have not spoken shall speak if they so desire.

RULE 12. No motion once made and disposed of shall be again received at the same meeting; but any one voting in the majority may move a reconsideration, which, when decided, shall not be reconsidered at that meeting. No question shall be twice reconsidered.

RULE 13. Every motion in which an appropriation of money is asked for shall be reduced to writing by the person making it, and if the Moderator so directs, the same shall be done by all other motions.

No motion shall be received and put until it is seconded.

RULE 14. All motions for the appropriation of money shall be voted upon by hand ballot, unless one third of the legal voters present shall call for a vote by the use of the check list.

RULE 15. All committees shall be named and appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise directed by the meeting.

RULE 16. The first person named upon a committee appointed by the Moderator shall be chairman; when elected by ballot, the one first elected, or of those elected at the same time, the one having the highest number of votes.

RULE 17. All committees appointed by the town shall serve without pay, unless a sum be appropriated for that purpose.

RULE 18. Reports of committees shall, when required, be made in writing, and when delivered to the moderator be considered as received, and a vote to accept the same shall discharge the committee, but shall not be equivalent to a vote to carry out the recommendations therein contained, without a special vote to adopt them.

RULE 19. None of these rules and orders shall be dispensed with, altered, or repealed, except by a two-thirds vote of the legal voters present at a town-meeting.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

MELROSE, March 3, 1876.

IN making our report this year, we wish to call the attention of the town to the imperative necessity for an increased supply of hose, a part of our present supply having by the fire of Nov. 30 been rendered unfit for any except hydrant use, and the supply which is kept at Wyoming and the Highlands being insufficient for the requirements of those districts. We therefore recommend the appropriation of \$2,500 for the expenses of the department and the purchase of hose. We desire also to thank the officers and members of the department for the prompt obedience and harmony which has characterized their efforts during the past year.

The department embraces a membership of seventy men, composing four different companies, viz. —

Liberty Bigelow H. & L. Co. No. 1	.	25 men.
Russell Hose Co. No. 1	. . .	15 “
Wyoming Hose Co. No. 2	. . .	15 “
Highland Hose Co. No. 3	. . .	15 “

All being under the control of three engineers. The apparatus comprises one hand-engine, in good working order, but with no company attached; one H. & L. truck, and three hose-carriages, all in good order, and located as follows: —

Endeavor hand-engine, located in the old engine-house on Main Street. This house has been thoroughly repaired during the past year, and is now in good order.

Liberty Bigelow H. & L. truck, located in basement of Town Hall.

Russell Hose Carriage No. 1, located with hand-engine in the old house.

Wyoming No. 2, located in basement of Masonic Hall.

Highland No. 3, located in its house on Franklin Street, at the Highlands. This house is also in good repair. We have on hand 1800 feet of hose, 1200 feet of which is in good order, and 600 unfit for any except hydrant use.

There have been eight alarms of fire from March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876, given as follows : —

June 28, 1875, Eaton's hay in rear Buttrick's stable on Essex Street.

Nov. 29, Rubber Works at Malden.

“ 30, Geo. F. Boardman's block on Main Street.

Dec. 1, rekindling of ruins of Boardman's block.

“ 4, Mrs. Critchett's house at Swain's Pond.

Jan. 30, 1876, Hanly's barber-shop on Essex Street.

Feb. 18, Mrs. Woods' house on Lebanon Street.

“ 26, Woods at Wyoming on Washington Street.

Total amount of losses by fire . . .	\$23,789 00
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Total amount of insurance . . .	17,065 00
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Amount of loss above insurance,	<u>\$6,724 00</u>
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Respectfully submitted.

JAMES G. EMERSON,

J. A. THOMAS,

R. W. CHANDLER,

Engineers of Fire Department.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town :

We, the undersigned, who have served you in the capacity of a Cemetery Committee during the year just past, desire to call your attention to Wyoming Cemetery, its many wants and urgent needs. For this purpose we present the following brief statement of the amount received and expended since its purchase, and a few suggestions for its improvement in the future.

1856.	The original cost was for the land . . .	\$5,958	85
1857-8.	Expended building wall, etc. . .	3,836	39
			\$9,795 24
Receipts during 1856, '57, '58		641	37

Received for lots, etc., sold,	DR.	and	CR.	
and paid bills for labor and other				
expenses during the following				
years : —				

1858.	Paid and received . . .	\$68	10	
1859.	“ “ “ . . .	52	42	\$348 25
1860.	“ “ “ . . .	90	54	171 50
1861.	“ “ “ . . .	100	21	141 35
1862.	“ “ “ . . .	89	50	325 00
1863.	“ “ “ . . .	121	47	395 00
1864.	“ “ “ . . .	153	25	384 00
1865.	“ “ “ . . .	163	85	525 00
1866.	“ “ “ . . .	368	45	480 00
1867.	“ “ “ . . .	163	85	283 00

1868.	Paid and received . . .	\$73 95	\$385 00
1869.	“ “ “ . .	93 50	364 00
1870.	“ “ “ . .	160 91	547 00
1871.	“ “ “ . .	130 50	672 00
1872.	“ “ “ . .	114 66	886 00
1873.	“ “ “ . .	293 75	779 00
1874.	“ “ “ . .	465 70	470 00
1875.	“ “ “ . .	177 50	1,290 00
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		\$12,677 35	\$9,087 47

Net cost to March 1, 1876 . . . \$3,589 88

Whole number of lots sold and used for common burial, 280, leaving 565 lots unsold, only a small portion of which are laid out.

As previously reported, lots have been sold in the past at a very low rate, and we would recommend that hereafter no lot be sold to a resident less than fifty dollars, and to a non-resident less than one hundred dollars.

In accordance with a vote of the town, a new plan has been made from the original, and a stake bearing the number placed on each lot.

The want of a good well upon the grounds has long been felt, especially during the summer months.

A receiving tomb is very much needed, and we would recommend that the one now in use in the "Old Burial-Ground" be removed and enlarged.

A site has been selected for a chapel, which will at no distant day be regarded as a necessity.

Since the year 1858 the money expended has been mostly upon the avenues and paths.

The stream which flows through the cemetery could be walled in and so arranged as to make a pond, and thus supply the water needed as above mentioned, but would probably involve considerable expense.

With a small outlay each year, this spot, so beautiful by nature, can be made to compare favorably with places of a like character about us.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. NEWHALL,
NATH'L HOWARD,
JOHN LARRABEE,
Cemetery Committee.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF LOTS.

Your attention is particularly invited to the importance of making provision for the care of your lot either annually or by the deposit of a fund for its perpetual care.

During the past year many improvements have been made, some of which were done at a considerable expense. While this is gratifying, there are still a large number of lots that are uncared for, which could, for a small outlay, be put in good order and kept so. The laws of the State provide that a sum may be deposited with the treasurer of a town, the interest of which will be appropriated for the care of a lot *forever* and can be used for no other purpose. See General Statutes, Chap. 225, year 1870.

GEO. NEWHALL,
NATH'L HOWARD,
JOHN LARRABEE,
Cemetery Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1875.

March 29, case of Howard <i>vs.</i> Town	\$1,525 50
April 12, case of Howard <i>vs.</i> Town (additional)	100 00
Interest on town debt	12,500 00
Support of the poor	2,700 00
Schools	14,000 00
School contingents	1,300 00
Highways, sidewalks, and culverts	3,000 00
Contingent expenses	1,500 00
Fire department	2,500 00
Lighting streets	1,300 00
Maintenance of water	2,000 00
Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor	750 00
Town Clerk	225 00
Assessors	600 00
Police	200 00
Auditors	30 00
Treasurer	300 00
Collector, one half of one per cent on the amount of taxes collected and paid into the treasury.	
Water for the use of the town	2,000 00
Public Library Dog tax, and	500 00
Additional street lamps	150 00
Insurance on town buildings	300 00
Deficiency on water damages	9,604 00
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	\$57,084 50

APPROPRIATIONS, 1875.

State tax	\$3,660 00
County tax	2,347 99
Sinking fund	8,905 66
Overlay	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,445 10
Total amount raised by taxation							\$73,443 25
July 22, to settle G. F. Boardman's claim (additional)	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$46 44

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

EXPENSES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A. G. Whitman, sixteen weeks' salary at \$2,000 per annum	\$800 00
A. G. Whitman, twenty-two weeks' salary at \$1,800 per annum	1,080 00
Mary L. Charles, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	1,000 00
Emma A. J. Bugbee, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	700 00
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	\$3,580 00

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Henry F. Woodman, sixteen weeks' salary at \$1,500 per annum	\$600 00
Henry F. Woodman, seventeen and one half weeks' salary at \$1,200 dollars per annum	525 00
Frances H. Turner, six weeks' salary at \$1,000 per annum	150 00
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	\$1,275 00

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Lucy W. Bisbee, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$600 00
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THIRD GRAMMAR.

Julia M. Porter, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$600 00
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CENTRE GRAMMAR.

Emma M. Cate, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$600 00
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CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Chastine Emerson, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$550 00
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LYNDE ST. INTERMEDIATE.

Jennie L. Crie, sixteen weeks' salary . . .	\$220 00
Louise P. Arnold, twenty-four weeks' salary to March 1, 1876	300 00
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	\$520 00

VINTON ST. INTERMEDIATE.

Mary E. Norris, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$550 00
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HIGHLAND PRIMARY.

Alice S. Brown, four weeks' salary . . .	\$55 00
Etta W. Kilbreth, thirty-six weeks' salary to March 1, 1876	495 00
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	\$550 00

GREEN ST. PRIMARY.

Lydia Mendum, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$550 00
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CENTRE PRIMARY.

Sarah E. Pratt, one year's salary to March 1, 1876	\$550 00
Alice Long, for services as assistant . . .	25 00
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	\$575 00

UPHAM ST. PRIMARY.

Susan D. Melcher, one year's salary to March 1,	
1876	\$550 00

LYNDE ST. PRIMARY.

Mary M. Gilman, one year's salary to March 1,	
1876	\$550 00

VINTON ST. PRIMARY.

Etta W. Livermore, one year's salary to March	
1, 1876	\$550 00

Georgie N. Boardman, teaching music, 8 weeks,	\$120 00
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Georgie N. Boardman, teaching music, 8 weeks,	80 00
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N. F. Dracopolis, teaching French	160 00
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\$360 00

JANITORS.

Ansel B. Pierce	\$250 00
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O. K. Stebbins	300 00
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Michael Murray	75 00
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Benjamin Stone	25 00
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J. W. Simonds	50 00
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A. L. Upham	50 00
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G. W. Wyman	58 34
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\$808 34

FUEL.

S. E. Benson, coal	\$1,035 60
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A. B. Pierce, charcoal	31 25
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J. McCarthy, charcoal	3 00
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Aiken & Woodward, charcoal	5 00
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Augustus Durant, charcoal	4 50
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Orne Upham, wood	15 00
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\$1,094 35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

P. A. Norris, services, 1874	\$100 00
M. W. Currier, services, 1874	75 00
George F. Stone, services, 1875	150 00
W. Irving Ellis, services, 1875	75 00
S. A. Ranlett, services, 1875	75 00
M. W. Currier, services, 1875	75 00
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	\$550 00

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries	\$11,960 00
Janitors	808 34
Fuel	1,094 35
Committee	550 00
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	\$14,412 69

CONTRA.

Appropriation	\$14,000 00
Balance from last year	414 48
Received from State	252 21
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	14,666 69
Amount unexpended	254 00
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	\$14,666 69
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	\$14,666 69

SCHOOL CONTINGENT.

Appropriation	\$1,300 00
Balance from last year	202 48
Received from Committee on Sale of old School Building	95 00
Received from School Committee, books sold	2 25
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	\$1,599 73

EXPENDED.

J. C. Howes, repairing stoves and furnaces	\$170 42
C. A. Eastman, books, stationery, etc.	117 49
Joel Atwood, carpenter work and material	266 77
A. Downs, " "	30 68
G. M. M'Coy, insurance on Centre School House	32 00
J. L. Hammett, maps, books, etc.	84 23
Wakefield Rattan Co., mats, baskets, etc.	27 65
James Worthen & Co., sundries	20 95
A. B. Pierce, cash paid repairs on clock and poker,	2 00
J. O. Norris, " " carriage hire and books	8 25
J. W. Simonds, brooms and pail	1 60
W. A. Hatch, chemicals	5 86
A. G. Whitman, battery, minerals, etc.	23 59
S. Harrington, books	7 14
John B. Souther, chairs	5 50
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	9 83
P. A. Norris, stationery, travelling expenses, etc.	11 06
Samuel Ellison, mason work	12 00
M. F. Kelly, " "	27 17
W. G. Shattuck, chairs and desks	79 53
A. G. Whitcomb, " " "	66 43
M. F. Eastman, expressing	30 10
L. T. Freeman, building wall and grading	51 37
" " moving furniture	4 75
G. W. Wyman, labor	3 80
James Killion, "	21 50
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting High School House,	199 50
" " " " and glazing	120 65
J. R. Simonds, binding books	5 00
G. N. Bordman, music cards	50 00
T. McCoubry, iron	3 56
G. P. Reed, cleaning clocks	15 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,515 88</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$1,515 88
Morse & Blake, mason work	.	.	.	14 00
Lawrence, Wilde & Co., shades	.	.	.	22 19
J. Marshall, gravel	.	.	.	10 00
Nichols & Hall, books	.	.	.	25 27
Walker, Pratt & Co., ventilators	.	.	.	15 00
A. W. Parker, painting	.	.	.	6 93
Taylor & Pratt, repairing chairs	.	.	.	2 25
A. M. Prior, permits	.	.	.	1 50
J. McIntire, printing	.	.	.	9 00
J. H. Daniels, engraving diplomas	.	.	.	68 85
J. Larrabee, thermometer	.	.	.	65
William Bourne, repairing piano	.	.	.	35 00
Howard Watch Co., clock	.	.	.	20 00
J. R. Jones, selling old school-house	.	.	.	12 50
J. Singer, Jr., brooms	.	.	.	1 00
S. A. Ranlett, books furnished	.	.	.	3 46
A. Moseley, door spring	.	.	.	3 00
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				\$1,766 48
Appropriation and receipts as shown	.	.	.	\$1,599 73
Expenditures exceed	.	.	.	166 75
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				\$1,766 48
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				\$1,766 48

HIGHWAY FUND.

Appropriation for highways, sidewalks, and culverts	\$3,000 00
Balance from last year, unexpended	87 00
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								\$3,087 11

Expended under direction of George P. Fuller, surveyor,
as follows :—

For labor and teams, as per vouchers	.	.	\$927 74
T. McCoubry, sharpening tools, etc.	.	.	22 28
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	\$950 02

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$950 02
Peterson & Parker, edgestone	.	.	.	3 96
J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	.	.	.	5 20
D. H. Walker, repairing snow-scraper	.	.	.	1 00
Nelson Cochran, gravel	.	.	.	8 24
Oscar Lynde, “	.	.	.	10 40
G. F. Boardman, “	.	.	.	2 90
A. Eldridge, “	.	.	.	2 20
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				\$983 92

Expended under direction of L. T. Freeman, surveyor, as follows : —

For labor and teams, as per vouchers	.	.	\$832 75
T. McCoubry, sharpening tools, etc.	.	.	17 05
James Worthen & Co., nails	.	.	1 10
J. B. Deering & Co., lumber	.	.	5 97
F. A. Robinson, gravel	.	.	17 50
L. H. Rowe, “	.	.	17 40
D. L. Taylor, “	.	.	10 00
J. M. Bennett, “	.	.	6 00
J. D. Hodges, “	.	.	3 00
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			\$910 77

Expended under direction of James Marshall, surveyor, as follows : —

For labor and teams, as per vouchers	.	.	\$833 62
T. McCoubry, sharpening tools, etc.	.	.	16 02
H. J. Rice, granite	.	.	36 20
J. P. Deering, lumber	.	.	9 38
P. R. Waitt, covering stone	.	.	3 00
James Marshall, gravel	.	.	47 10
J. W. Converse, “	.	.	8 80
Est. of Joseph Lynde, gravel	.	.	2 50
J. O. Lynde, “	.	.	1 80
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			\$958 42

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RECAPITULATION.

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Balance unexpended, 1874	87 11

\$3,087 11

Expended under direction of —

Geo. P. Fuller	\$983 92
James Marshall	958 42
L. T. Freeman	910 77

\$2,853 11

To credit of fund	234 00
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\$3,087 11

Appropriation divided equally to be expended by the surveyors, there remains, including balances from last year, to the credit of

Geo. P. Fuller	\$101 85
L. T. Freeman	89 23
James Marshall	42 92

\$234 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Balance unexpended last year	67 95

\$2,567 95

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Engineers' services of, Board of 1874, five members	\$100 00
W. A. Goodnow, taking slats out of belfry	7 87
Bugbee & Barrett, supplies at fire	23 78
T. Frank Hanly, supplies at fire	7 00

Amount carried forward \$138 65

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$138 65
M. F. Eastman, expressing	.	.	.	15 40
E. A. Robinson, expressing	.	.	.	10 50
H. Barron, expressing	.	.	.	2 28
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose	.	.	.	5 02
L. F. Hinckley, wash-tub	.	.	.	1 25
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				\$173 10

RUSSELL HOSE CO., NO. 1.

Expended for repairs and refurnishing hose-house.

J. P. Deering & Co., lumber	.	.	\$89 29
Richard Whowell, carpenter work	.		44 92
Samuel Ellison, mason work	.	.	10 00
J. M. Crowell, painting	.	.	100 00
J. C. Howes, plumbing, etc.	.	.	10 75
Wm. Keith, paper	.	.	3 50
R. M. Rand, hanging paper	.	.	2 40
R. W. Chandler, picture moulding	.		11 98
J. B. Souther, chairs	.	.	14 40
J. Marshall, grading	.	.	18 00
Tucker Manuf'g Co., chandelier	.		12 50
Josiah York, labor	.	.	80
			\$318 54

Regular Expenses.

Services 15 men 1 year, to February			
1, 1876	.	.	\$300 00
W. T. Howard, steward 1 year	.		40 00
W. T. Howard, extra labor	.	.	6 25
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	.	.	38 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	.	.	6 93
T. McCoubry, iron work	.	.	7 79
M. & M. Gas Co., gas	.	.	19 35
Hunneman & Co., repairing pipe	.		1 00
J. M. Crowell, glazing, etc.	.	.	2 50
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			\$421 82
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			\$740 36

WYOMING HOSE CO., NO. 2.

Services of men	\$266 66
Frank Gibbons, steward 10 months	33 33
William Fanley, steward 2 months	6 67
Trustees Wyoming Lodge, rent 1 year	150 00
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	20 50
M. & M. Gas Co., gas	7 20
J. B. Souther, chairs	6 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	1 65
J. C. Howes, plumbing	2 25
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	\$494 26

HIGHLAND HOSE CO., NO. 3.

Services of men	\$290 00
J. M. Crowell, steward 1 year	40 00
J. M. Crowell, glazing	55
Daily & Harrigan, plumbing	10 31
Samuel Lear, carpenter work	5 52
J. A. Thomas, carpenter work	8 63
Samuel Ellison, chimney tops	4 00
J. Singer, Jr., sundries	4 49
J. C. Howes, rubber hose, etc.	8 25
T. McCoubry, iron work	3 63
D. H. Walker, whiffletree	1 50
S. E. Benson, wood and coal	24 45
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	\$401 33

BIGELOW HOOK AND LADDER CO., NO. 1.

Services twenty-five men one year to Feb. 1, 1876	\$500 00
C. W. Burnham, steward 1 year	40 00
J. C. Howes, rubber hose, pipe, etc.	10 50
S. E. Benson, coal	6 75
T. McCoubry, iron work	4 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$562 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$562 00
D. H. Walker, painting pole	.	.	.	2 35
H. E. Wiley, picture frame	.	.	.	1 00
P. O. Masse, repairing rope	.	.	.	1 00
Bugbee & Barrett, sundries	.	.	.	1 40
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				\$567 75

RECAPITULATION.

Contingent expenses	.	.	.	\$173 10	
Russell Hose Co.	.	.	.	740 36	
Wyoming Hose Co.	.	.	.	494 26	
Highland Hose Co.	.	.	.	401 33	
Hook and Ladder Co.	.	.	.	567 75	
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				\$2,376 80	
Balance unexpended last year	.	.	.	\$67 95	
Appropriation	.	.	.	2,500 00	
To credit of fund	.	.	.	\$191 15	
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				\$2,567 95	\$2,567 95

SUPPORT OF POOR.

EXPENDED.

City of Boston, board of Harriet P. Krantz and E. M. Waitt	\$87 96
Mrs. Abbie Barter, board of Harriet P. Krantz and E. M. Waitt	.	.	.	.	.	277 62
H. C. Richardson, removing Harriet P. Krantz and E. M. Waitt	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
J. K. Little, board of Harriet P. Krantz	.	.	.	.	.	59 26
Dr. M. Parker, medical attendance on Harriet P. Krantz	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Overseers of the Poor, cash and supplies to sun- dry poor	24 48
H. G. Fields, cash and supplies to sundry poor	14 89
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$475 21

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$475 21
J. C. Howes, grate and stove lining	2 25
J. W. Simonds, board of Abigail Connor	156 00
“ “ clothing for “ “	4 50
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries to Mrs. L. G. Davis and A. Barter	192 00
R. Philpot, coal and wood delivered Mrs. L. G. Davis and A. Barter	49 50
J. Marshall, wood delivered Mrs. L. G. Davis and A. Barter	3 50
Dr. M. Parker, medical attendance on Mrs. Barter,	10 00
Wm. Keith, dry goods delivered “ “	2 75
Orne Upham, wood “ “ “	1 60
R. Philpot, coal and wood to sundry poor	14 75
Mrs. E. C. Grover, allowance (cash)	24 00
P. R. Waitt, rent and supplies to Mrs. E. C. Grover	25 00
Phoebe E. Waitt, nursing Mrs. E. C. Grover	5 00
Mary Henney, rent for Mrs. E. C. Grover	23 30
Simeon Locke, rent for Mrs. Adams	135 46
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs. A. Thomas	182 72
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of B. W. Moseley	62 11
S. F. Barrett, tickets to tramps	15 90
Town of Malden, board and clothing F. Tainter	131 17
“ “ fuel to Charles Howard	4 00
A. B. Pierce, expense removing F. Tainter	10 20
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board and clothing F. Tainter	103 95
John Larrabee, medicines to Jane Woodward, Krantz, and others	24 55
M. S. Shedd, support of Charles Howard	139 25
Dr. Alon Towle, medical attendance on Charles Howard	12 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,810 67</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,810 67
F. McBriarty, rent and supplies, Chas. Howard .	15 00
H. F. Pickering, supplies for Charles Howard .	5 00
L. F. Hinckley, groceries for sundry poor. .	216 47
James Worthen & Co., groceries for sundry poor,	45 00
George G. Lunt, meals to tramps	24 60
City of Boston, aid to W. A. Johnson, J. Lahey, and others	63 59
Town of Woburn, supplies to family of L. W. Harris	249 47
Town of Woburn, medical attendance on family of L. W. Harris	87 88
Artemas Barrett, rent to E. Moore	12 00
L. T. Freeman, moving F. Hamilton	3 00
Mrs. A. Frye, rent to "	7 00
W. H. Wells, groceries to Mrs. Powers, Stinson, and others	39 08
John A. Worthen, groceries to Mrs. Morcomb .	28 00
Mrs. M. B. Hopkins, dry goods	2 26
City of Cambridge, aid to Chas. H. Arnold .	12 62
Dr. M. Parker, medical attendance on Follans- bee, Lester, and others	31 00
Dr. M. Parker, medical attendance on sundry poor	55 50
C. T. Stevens, provisions to Mrs. Elliott . .	2 66
T. J. Kimball, rent to A. Fisher	5 00
Eliza McDonald, board of sick woman . . .	2 00
R. Philpot, coal to Mrs. Powers and Gobel .	6 75
C. H. Ford, board of Mrs. Tucker	5 00
J. B. Johnson, moving Hamilton family . .	5 00
M. J. Crowley, rent to McCarthy and Kelly .	30 00
W. E. Cummings, lodging tramps	3 00
Robbins & Long, groceries to Tucker, Baker and Grover	19 99
S. E. Benson, fuel delivered sundry poor . .	108 45
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,895 99

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,895 99
John S. Paige, board of Lucy Barron	108 00
Wm. Warren, rent to Harrington family	16 00
Joseph Pierce, medical attendance on B. Follansbee	6 50
N. Howard, expense of burial, T. Lester	23 00
“ “ “ B. Follansbee	25 00
“ “ “ P. Murray and McMahan child	7 50
N. Howard, expense of burial, Harrington child	6 50
N. Howard, expense of burial, J. Gobel	20 00
John Peak & Son, robe (Gobel)	5 00
John Scott, care of Henry Anderson	16 50
Charles Howard, allowance cash	15 00
Geo. Lynde, fuel delivered sundry poor	77 75
Bugbee & Barrett, groceries delivered sundry poor	73 90
Geo. Newhall & Co., boots and shoes delivered sundry poor	20 20
St. Vincent's Asylum, board of Katie Lyman	120 00
A. B. Pierce, expense and services, case of J. Woodward	31 15
Abigail Fuller, nursing Jane Woodward	6 00
Mrs. Chas. H. Howard, board and nursing Jane Woodward	57 70
Henry P. Hollis, allowance cash	144 00
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	\$3,675 69

Appropriation \$2,700 00

RECEIPTS.

Town of Norfolk, for aid to William Hamilton	\$45 80
Town of Yarmouth, for aid to W. G. Harrington	18 75

Amount carried forward . \$2,764 55

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$2,764 55
Town of Hingham, for aid to Bridget Dolan	15 01	
City of Boston, for aid to Charlotte Rollins	21 00	
Received for board of Mrs. A. Thomas,	45 00	
Received for board of B. W. Moseley,	61 81	
Received for support of Harrington children	35 75	
Received from J. Worthen, guardian M. E. Waitt	198 23	
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		\$3,141 35
Expenditures exceed appropriation and receipts	534 34	
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		\$3,675 69 \$3,675 69

The following claims have been presented and acknowledged, and are now due: —

From City of Boston, aid to C. Rollins	\$19 00
From Town of Norton, aid to E. Tucker	18 99
From Town of Falmouth, aid to Albert Fisher	8 00
From Town of Provincetown, aid to F. Hamilton	22 75
For board of Mrs. A. Thomas	137 72
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	\$206 46

MELROSE WATER FUND.

Dr.

Due the Town for advances last year	\$7,115 50
1875.	
May 1. To paid interest coupons on \$50,000 bonds	\$1,500 00
July 1. To paid interest coupons on \$100,000 bonds	3,000 00

Oct. 1. To paid interest coupons on
\$50,000 bonds \$1,500 00

1876.

Jan. 1. To paid interest coupons on
\$100,000 bonds 3,000 00

9,000 00

To paid orders on Water Fund . 6,438 63

To paid J. D. Wilde, Treas. M.

M. & M. Water Boards to pay

damages 6,550 00

\$21,988 63

\$29,104 10

Cr.

Town appropriations :

For maintenance \$2,000 00

For use of water 2,000 00

For deficiency on water damages, 9,604 00

\$13,604 00

RECEIPTS.

By received from A. Lane, superintendent, cash

at various times, water rates collected, etc. . \$11,043 07

\$24,647 07

Due the Town 4,457 03

\$29,104 10

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Appropriation \$1,500 00

Balance unexpended last year 199 44

\$1,699 44

RECEIPTS.

From Simeon Locke, for grass on Common	.	\$20 00
Geo. E. Fuller, " "	. .	15 00
J. R. Jones, auctioneer's license	. .	2 00
Geo. Stockwell, " "	. .	2 00
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		\$1,738 44

EXPENDED.

T. W. Ripley, printing Annual Report, 1875	.	\$295 03
John Larrabee, making up Annual Report, 1875,		35 00
Battery "C," M. V. M., firing salute July 5,		
1875		50 00
H. G. Fields, ringing bell, June 17, July 5 and		
Feb. 22		6 00
A. Durant, ringing bell June 17, July 5 and		
Feb. 22		6 00
R. F. Clayton, ringing bell June 17 and July 5 .		4 00
J. M. Crowell, " " " " " "		4 00
H. C. Richardson, setting glass in street lanterns,		129 98
J. C. Howes, repairing " "		11 55
J. E. Westgate, expense setting edgestone	.	21 63
A. P. Platt's one half expense surveying line		
between Stoneham and Melrose		7 75
Town of Stoneham, one half bill bound-stones	.	9 00
Amos Hill, one half expense setting bound-stones,		4 00
Horace W. Stevens, expense burial of child		
found dead		5 00
Sec. of Commonwealth, copies of drainage papers,		1 50
Cutter, Tower & Co., record book		50
J. L. Fairbanks, " " for assessors .		4 50
Doane & Greenough, books and stationery	.	16 99
John Larrabee, stationery, postage, etc.		7 15
Babb & Stephens, printing warrants, circulars, etc.		87 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$706 58

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$706 58
A. W. Haskell, printing tax collector's book	2 50
A. M. Prior, " tax bills	15 00
S. F. Keyes, fees case of Town vs. M. M. Fire Ins. Co.	50 00
J. H. Smith, M. D., services case of Howard vs. Town	15 00
Geo. W. Bartlett, carriage hire	40 00
D. H. Walker, sign post and painting	11 50
A. W. Lynde, labor	20 00
H. G. Fields, one year's care of lock-up	25 00
A. B. Pierce, distributing warrants, notices, etc.	61 15
W. A. Goodno, labor on belfry, Town Hall	55 75
E. Flanigan, iron work for " " "	11 25
J. P. Deering, lumber for " " "	34 65
Robbins & Long, nails for " " "	2 91
Richard Whowell, labor on pound fence	2 55
J. R. Simonds, binding assessors' books	18 00
A. B. Rogers, setting glass, hearse-house	1 50
M. F. Eastman, expressing	4 30
H. Barron, " " " "	3 15
J. D. Littlefield, " " " "	1 60
F. S. Hesseltine, services prosecution of Amos Dean to final conviction	75 00
John Larrabee, correcting, recording, indexing, and returning —	
91 births	45 50
80 deaths	10 00
31 marriages	4 65
N. Howard, making return, 59 deaths	14 75
James Lambert, services as sealer	10 00
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	\$1,242 29
Balance unexpended	496 15
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	\$1,738 44

WYOMING CEMETERY.

1875.

Dr.

Paid Nathaniel Howard, labor performed and furnished	\$138 50
Nelson Cochrane, surveying	11 50
Small Bros & Lovejoy, stakes	7 50
Geo. Newhall, treas., making and acknowledging deeds—	
For the year 1874	6 50
“ “ 1875	13 50
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	\$177 50

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By cash received for 34½ lots sold	\$1,278 00
“ “ single graves	12 00
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	\$1,290 00

STATE AID.

Amounts paid from March 1, 1875, to March 1, 1876.

Samuel Sprague, one year	\$120 00
William Story, seven months	70 00
Sara E. Stilphen, nine months	72 00
“ “ three months	12 00
Joseph S. Eastman, one year	72 00
Luzon Weeks, “ “	72 00
Sarah Barrett, “ “	48 00
Mary F. Howard, “ “	48 00
Helen E. Poole, “ “	48 00
Jennie T. Upham, guardian F. E. Jackson, seven months	28 00
C. H. Isburgh, guardian H. E. Morse, four months,	16 00
T. B. Nelson, guardian W. L. and A. I. Champney, three months	12 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$618 00

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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$618 00
Abigail W. Bryant, one year	.	.	.	48 00
Bridget Dolan, one month	.	.	.	4 00
H. W. Cushman, one year	.	.	.	54 00
Maria G. Colson, fourteen months	.	.	.	56 00
Anna W. Martin, eight months	.	.	.	32 00
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				\$812 00

TOWN HALL.

Balance unexpended from last year	.	.	.	\$164 06
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RECEIPTS.

From Melrose Lyceum, use of hall	.	.	.	250 00
Other parties, " "	.	.	.	405 46
R. B. Leighton, " room	.	.	.	15 00
Melrose Savings Bank, use of room	.	.	.	50 00
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				\$884 52

EXPENDED.

H. G. Fields, services as janitor one year	\$400 00
M. & M. Gas Co., gas consumed	.					239 72
S. E. Benson, fuel	.	.	.	.		328 60
Chas. Taylor, carpenter work	.	.				35 62
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, painting	.					4 45
A. W. Parker, " "	.	.	.	.		21 28
Bugbee & Barrett, floor-brush, etc.	.					2 69
J. C. Howes, plumbing, repairs, etc.	.					28 20
John Larrabee, sundries	.	.	.	.		2 45
Daily & Harrigan, gas piping	.	.				4 50
L. F. Hinckley, window-brush	.	.				1 50
M. F. Kelly, repairing furnace	.	.				2 00
J. McCarthy, charcoal		9 00

\$1,080 01

Expenditures exceed	\$195 49
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\$1,080 01

INSURANCE.

Balance unexpended last year	\$273 89
Appropriation	300 00
Received from Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Co., dividend on policy	15 00
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	\$588 89

Paid George M. M'Coy, insurance agent, policies on Centre School- house and Highland hose-house,	\$172 00
Balance unexpended	416 89
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	\$588 89

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$1,300 00
Balance from last year	60 85
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	\$1,360 85

Paid N. E. Gas Light Co., lighting and care of street lanterns eleven months to Feb. 1, 1876	\$1,191 63
Balance unexpended	169 22
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	\$1,360 85

DRAINAGE.

Balance unexpended last year	\$113 30
Paid James Marshall, labor clearing drain on Wyoming Avenue	\$27 80
Balance	85 50
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	\$113 30

POLICE.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Balance from last year	31 25
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	\$231 25

EXPENDED.

Paid Joseph Holbrook, services	\$54 40	
“ H. C. Richardson, “	8 60	
“ A. B. Pierce, “	5 40	
“ G. Van Buskirk	4 50	
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	\$72 90	
Balance unexpended	158 35	
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	\$231 25	\$231 25

GRADE PLANS.

Balance unexpended from last year	\$300 00
Paid Fuller & Whitney for plans complete	\$300 00

CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

To credit of building fund, unexpended balance from last year	\$308 88
Paid committee's orders	289 78
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Balance	\$19 10

TOWN HALL BUILDING FUND.

To credit of fund	\$1,585 19
Paid committee's order to A. B. Drowne, balance due	\$1,183 32

Paid James Marshall, labor grading .	\$50 00	
	<u>\$1,233 32</u>	
Unexpended	351 87	
	<u>\$1,585 19</u>	<u>\$1,585 19</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

EXPENDED.

Paid Walter Babb, services as Selectman .	\$250 00
" H. G. Fields, " " " .	250 00
" Geo. A. Mansfield, " " " .	250 00
" John Larrabee, " " Town Clerk .	225 00
" George Newhall, " " Treasurer .	300 00
" Chas. H. Edmonds, " " Assessor .	200 00
" J. C. Currier, " " " .	200 00
" G. W. Farnsworth, " " " .	200 00
" E. H. Goss, " " Auditor, 1874	15 00
" John R. Norton, " " " " .	15 00
" A. B. Pierce, for collecting taxes,	
Of the year 1873. . . .	39 95
" " " 1874	506 50
" " " 1875	267 51
	<u>\$2,718 96</u>

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDED.

Paid A. W. Lynde, for building and laying plank box for sewerage, and digging ditch, as per contract with the selectmen as a Board of Health	\$150 00
Paid S. F. Keyes, services as counsel in case of abatement of nuisance, drawing papers, etc. .	47 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$197 00</u>

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$197 00
Paid John Larrabee, for recording papers	.	.	.	4 00
“ Moses Briggs, serving notices	.	.	.	10 00
				<u>\$211 00</u>

RECEIPTS.

From A. B. Pierce, amount collected	.	.	26 00
Expenditures exceed receipts	.	.	<u>\$185 00</u>

CASE OF HOWARD *vs.* TOWN.

1875.

March 29. Appropriation	.	.	.	\$1,525 50
April 12. “	.	.	.	100 00
				<u>\$1,625 50</u>

Paid Charles Lincoln, attorney for
 William A. Howard, in settlement
 of claim according to verdict of
 Court against the town . . . \$1,102 98

Paid Charles R. Train, Attorney-
 General, counsel fees . . . 300 00

Paid S. F. Keyes, counsel fees . . . 150 00

“ “ “ amount paid ex-
 penses 73 59

\$1,626 57

Expenditures exceed 1 07

\$1,626 57

\$1,626 57

BOARDMAN CLAIM.

Appropriation, 1874 \$327 48
 “ 1875 46 44

Paid bill approved by the committee . . . \$373 92
 appointed ; settlement made in full, \$373 92

ADDITIONAL STREET LAMPS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Balance from last year	71 39
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	\$221 39

EXPENDED.

Paid N. E. Gas Light Co. for 7 iron lamp-posts, with copper lanterns, setting, and painting all complete .	\$218 50	
Balance unexpended	2 89	
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		\$221 39

ARMORY.

Dr.

Paid H. A. Leonard, one year's rent	\$600 00
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Received from State Treasurer old rent bill, 1872 and 1873	\$300 00
Received from State Treasurer on account of rent for the year 1875 (less \$116.)	484 00
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	\$784 00

NEWHALL BUILDING (SO CALLED).

Received from F. S. Hesseltine, chairman of com- mittee appointed to sell said building	\$1,000 00
Received from J. C. Ingalls, balance due	750 00
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	\$1,750 00
Paid J. R. Jones, auctioneer, for services	17 50
Amount transferred to sinking fund as per vote of town	1,732 50
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	\$1,750 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To credit of fund, balance from last year . . .	\$367 08
Appropriation	500 00
Received from County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1875, . . .	460 80
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	\$1,327 88
Paid E. H. Goss, Treas. of Trustees, on orders	\$867 08
Balance to credit of fund	460 80
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	\$1,327 88

INTEREST.

Appropriation	\$12,500 00
Balance unexpended	3,728 29
Received from J. C. Ingalls, interest on note made in payment for the Newhall building . . .	30 33
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	\$16,258 62

EXPENSES.

Paid coupons on Town Hall bonds	\$4,550 00
“ R. G. Shedd, trustee	1,750 00
“ State Treasurer	900 00
“ Home Savings Bank	657 22
“ Dexter Pratt, trustee	406 00
“ Lowell Institution for Savings	1,200 00
“ Seaman's Savings Bank	350 00
“ Mary Dix	395 35
“ Eli Upham	30 00
“ Melrose Savings Bank	222 67
“ James Worthen, guardian M. E. Waitt . . .	30 09
“ on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes, . . .	800 16
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$11,291 49</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$11,291 49
Paid to Sinking Fund, interest on \$8,356.84 @				
7% to March 1, 1876, as per vote of the town,				584 98
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				\$11,876 47
To credit of fund	.	.	.	4,382 15
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				\$16,258 62

VALUATION OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

In the following table is exhibited the valuation of real and personal property in the town of Melrose, together with the rate per thousand, and the number of polls assessed for the different years, from 1850 to 1875, inclusive : —

Year.	Real Estate.	Personal Estate.	Total.	Rate.	Polls.
1850	\$423,497 00	\$59,949 00	\$483,446 00	\$4 40	317
1851	547,974 00	73,894 00	621,868 00	5 50	
1853	800,538 00	97,139 00	897,677 00	7 80	
1854	906,794 00	117,631 00	1,024,425 00	8 50	
1855	1,021,712 00	124,785 00	1,146,497 00	8 30	
1856	1,114,448 00	136,074 60	1,250,522 00	8 70	573
1857	1,197,476 00	145,904 00	1,343,380 00	11 77	622
1858	1,165,224 00	121,883 00	1,287,107 00	7 20	567
1859	1,246,781 00	122,971 00	1,369,752 00	7 80	610
1860	1,276,150 00	137,021 00	1,413,171 00	7 80	621
1861	1,288,066 00	134,754 00	1,422,820 00	9 50	618
1862	1,320,280 00	126,792 00	1,447,072 00	11 60	615
1863	1,334,643 00	161,186 00	1,495,829 00	15 80	659
1864	1,329,685 00	126,057 00	1,455,742 00	13 40	667
1865	1,366,485 00	311,369 00	1,677,854 00	15 70	714
1866	1,386,502 00	242,310 00	1,628,812 00	21 00	761
1867	1,511,624 00	283,682 00	1,795,306 00	16 00	775
1868	1,608,974 08	365,042 00	1,974,016 00	17 00	825
1869	1,674,985 00	437,684 00	2,112,669 00	20 00	800
1870	2,101,126 00	523,933 00	2,625,059 00	15 00	846
1871	2,408,241 00	404,515 00	2,812,756 00	15 00	881
1872	3,007,928 00	645,742 00	3,653,670 00	16 50	917
1873	3,234,658 00	409,249 00	3,643,907 00	15 50	967
1874	3,797,965 00	380,460 00	4,178,425 00	15 80	1039
1875	4,062,450 00	390,378 10	4,452,828 10	16 00	1099

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT, MARCH 1, 1876.

TOWN DEBT.

To whom Payable.	Date.	When Due.	Rate of Interest.	Amount.
Eli Upham	June 12, 1858,	On demand,	6 per cent.	\$500 00
Lowell Institution for Savings	Sept. 7, 1865,	Sept. 7, 1885,	"	20,000 00
State Treasurer	Oct. 15, 1868,	Oct. 15, 1878,	"	5,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868,	Oct. 15, 1883,	"	5,000 00
"	Oct. 15, 1868,	Oct. 15, 1888,	"	5,000 00
R. G. Shedd, trustee	June 1, 1870,	Dec. 1, 1880,	"	12,500 00
"	June 1, 1870,	Dec. 1, 1880,	"	12,500 00
D. Pratt and S. B. Robinson, trustees	June 2, 1873,	60 days after demand,	"	1,200 00
"	June 24, 1874,	On demand,	"	2,000 00
Mary Dix	July 1, 1874,	"	"	4,400 00
D. Pratt and S. B. Robinson, trustees	Sept. 9, 1874,	90 days after demand,	"	4,000 00
James Worthen, guardian M. E. Waitt	Sept. 9, 1874,	On demand,	"	66 42
Total				\$72,166 42
<i>Temporary Loans.</i>				
W. H. Leonard, Jan. 3, 1876, 90 days, 6 per cent				4,500 00
Richardson, Hill & Co., Feb. 16, 1876, 60 days, 4 per cent				5,000 00
<i>Bonds.</i>				
Water Fund Bonds, first issue, due July 1st, 1880, 6 per cent				\$100,000 00
" " second issue, due Oct. 1st, 1892, 6 per cent				50,000 00
Town Hall Bonds, due Oct. 1st, 1892, 7 per cent				65,000 00
Due to Melrose Water Fund (which the town cannot use)				
				\$296,666 42
				3,635 00
				\$300,301 42
				\$81,666 42

AGGREGATE OF EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPTS AND PRESENT STANDING OF ACCOUNTS.

Accounts.	Expendi- tures.	Appropri'tns and Receipts.	Excess and Deficiency.	
			CR.	DR.
School Fund	\$14,412 69	\$14,666 69	\$254 00	
School Contingent	1,766 48	1,599 73		\$166 75
Poor Fund	3,675 69	3,141 35		534 34
Water Fund	29,104 10	24,647 07		4,457 03
Contingent Fund	1,242 29	1,738 44	496 15	
Cemetery Fund	177 50	1,290 00	1,112 50	
Highway Department	2,853 11	3,087 11	234 00	
Fire Department	2,376 80	2,567 95	191 15	
Town Hall	1,080 01	884 52		195 49
Insurance	172 00	588 89	416 89	
Street Lights	1,191 63	1,360 85	169 22	
Drainage	27 80	113 30	85 50	
Police	72 90	231 25	158 35	
Grade Plans	300 00	300 00		
Centre School-house	289 78	308 88	19 10	
Town Hall Building Fund	1,233 32	1,585 19	351 87	
Town Officers	2,718 96	1,935 00		783 96
Health Department	211 00	26 00		185 00
Howard Case	1,626 57	1,625 50		1 07
Boardman's Claim	373 92	373 92		
Additional Street Lamps	218 50	221 39	2 89	
Armory	600 00	784 00	184 00	For year only.
Newhall Building	17 50	1,750 00	1,732 50	
Public Library	867 08	1,327 88	460 80	
Interest	11,876 47	16,258 62	4,382 15	
	\$78,486 10			\$6,323 64
Excess of appropriations and receipts over expenditures.	3,927 43			3,927 43
	\$82,413 53	\$82,413 53	\$10,251 07	\$10,251 07

REPORT OF ASSESSORS.

The whole number of polls taxed is	1,099
Total tax on polls	\$2,198 00
Value of personal estate	\$390,378 10
“ “ real “	4,062,450 00
Total	\$4,452,828 10
Amount of State tax	3,660 00
“ “ County tax	2,347 99
“ “ Town appropriations	57,084 50
“ “ Sinking Fund, .002 per \$1.00 of total valuation,	8,905 66
“ “ Overlay	1,445 10
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Total amount assessed	\$73,443 25
Rate of taxation per thousand dollars	16 00
Total number of dwelling-houses	946
“ “ horses	233
“ “ cows	139
“ “ acres of land taxed	2,700

The following abatements have been allowed to date, viz. —

To Edward A. Alden	\$ 65
H. A. Avery	30 20
Dexter Bryant	2 62
Carlton Buffum	4 00
Mrs. Nathaniel Budd	8 00
William Bogle	24 00
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Amount carried forward \$69 47

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	\$69 47
To Joseph F. Boyd	.	.	4 00
John T. Bowen	.	.	2 00
Mrs. John Collegan	.	.	17 60
Sanford W. Chase	.	.	2 00
Wm. F. Conant	.	.	10 00
Aaron Chase	.	.	2 00
Henry N. Cass	.	.	4 80
Abbott R. Davis	.	.	38 60
Abbott A. Davis	.	.	2 00
E. H. Downing	.	.	7 20
Nehemiah Dean	.	.	5 60
Mrs. Nehemiah Dean	.	.	27 60
Geo. Emerson	.	.	12 00
B. C. Evans and Evans & Parsons,			12 76
Wm. E. Fuller	.	.	2 00
Estate of Jacob Gobel	.	.	10 40
Sara A. Gage	.	.	19 20
Geo. W. Heath	.	.	40 00
Estate of Stephen Grover	.	.	14 40
John Hurley	.	.	8 80
John Kimball	.	.	8 00
Alonzo V. Lynde	.	.	32 00
Estate of H. McLaughlin	.	.	33 40
Abner Moseley	.	.	51 20
F. A. Messenger	.	.	40 00
Misses Mary and Lizzie Moody	.	.	16 00
Mary Ann O'Riley	.	.	8 00
C. C. Peck	.	.	2 00
E. S. Page	.	.	70 00
J. C. Reid	.	.	2 00
Thomas W. Ripley	.	.	3 20
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	\$578 23

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	\$578 23
To E. E. Smith	.	.	16 00
Benj. Stone	.	.	2 00
James R. Smith	.	.	2 00
Chas. H. Stevens	.	.	2 00
Heirs of M. A. Smiley	.	.	8 00
Geo. Stockwell, Jr.	.	.	2 00
Mrs. T. R. Spear	.	.	4 00
Mrs. S. S. Twombly	.	.	8 00
Mrs. Mary G. Vinton	.	.	8 00
Mrs. H. G. Wills	.	.	24 00
Geo. W. Wyman	.	.	22 00
Heirs of Thomas B. Woodard	.	.	3 20
Edward F. Young	.	.	2 00
Mrs. Zylphia Butler	.	.	8 00
Mrs. Phœbe Bruce	.	.	3 20
Heirs of Richard Dexter	.	.	14 40
Wm. A. Fuller	.	.	1 60
Heirs of Jonathan Green	.	.	16 00
Mrs. James Jones	.	.	40
Alvah Kittredge	.	.	1 60
J. K. Lowe	.	.	2 80
Heirs of Mary V. Randall	.	.	28 00
Mrs. Thomas Ray	.	.	1 60
Heirs of Solomon Shute	.	.	4 00
Mrs. H. Whitney	.	.	27 20
Heirs of Geo. Winslow	.	.	3 20
			————\$793 43

At the annual town-meeting, held March 29, 1875, a vote was passed instructing the collector to advertise and make legal sale, during the month of March, 1876, of all property upon which the taxes remained unpaid at that date. During the past year, however, many of our best citizens have been

compelled, by the unusual severity of the times, to allow their tax-bills to remain unpaid, and will be obliged to until able to obtain relief from present pressure; and the collector, as well as the assessors, have been appealed to from every quarter not to allow certain pieces of property to be advertised; that the money would be forthcoming within a short time. In other cases responsible parties have offered to guarantee that certain taxes would be paid within a few weeks.

"Taxes assessed upon real estate are a lien upon the property assessed for two years from the time committed to the collector," and by vote of the town are subject to interest, at the rate of one per cent a month, after Oct. 1.

Taking into consideration the above facts, the assessors, after consultation with many of our prominent citizens, have requested the collector to delay advertising until after the annual town-meeting, in order that the matter of a further postponement may be brought before the citizens.

The town is losing nothing by a few weeks' delay, while forcing a sale may cause distress where it is *unnecessary*; and we trust the citizens will uphold us in our action.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. EDMONDS,	}	<i>Assessors of Melrose.</i>
GEO. W. FARNSWORTH,		
J. C. CURRIER,		

MARCH, 1876.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER.

Cash in the treasury, March 12, 1875	.	.	\$1,649	51
Total receipts for the year	.	.	.	139,453 22
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				\$141,102 73
Total disbursements for the year	.	.	.	137,973 78
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Cash in the treasury, March 9, 1876	.	.	\$3,128	95

For a statement in detail of the accounts as above, the amount paid for and received from each, I will refer to the town book.

The following sums were borrowed in anticipation of the taxes and have been paid : —

Melrose Savings Bank	\$4,000	00
W. H. Leonard, Boston	15,000	00
Fogg Bros.,	"	.	.	.	15,000	00
" "	"	.	.	.	5,000	00
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						\$39,000 00

There has also been paid on the permanent loans —

Seaman's Savings Bank, Provincetown	.	.	\$10,000	00
Home Savings Bank, Boston	.	.	10,000	00
Dexter Pratt, trustee	.	.	1,200	00
James Worthen, guardian to M. E. Waite	.	.	168	14
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				\$21,368 14

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

NOTES PAYABLE.

Eli Upham, on demand	\$500 00
Mary Dix, on demand	4,400 00
James Worthen, guardian M. E. Waitt, on demand	66 42
D. Pratt and S. B. Robinson, trustees, 60 days after demand	1,200 00
D. Pratt and S. B. Robinson, trustees, on demand	2,000 00
D. Pratt and S. B. Robinson, trustees, 90 days after demand	4,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1878	5,000 00
R. G. Shedd, trustee, due Dec. 1, 1880 . . .	25,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1883	5,000 00
Lowell Institution for Savings, due Sept. 7, 1885 .	20,000 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, due Oct. 15, 1888	5,000 00
Permanent Loans	<hr/> \$72,166 42

BONDS.

Melrose Water Fund, 1st issue, due July 1, 1890 .	\$100,000 00
“ “ “ 2d “ “ Oct. 1, 1892 .	50,000 00
Town Hall Bonds, due Oct. 1, 1892 . . .	65,000 00
	<hr/> \$215,000 00

TEMPORARY LOANS.

Jan. 3, 1876, treasurer's note to W. H. Leonard,	\$4,500 00
Feb. 16, " " " " Richardson, Hill & Co.	5,000 00
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	\$9,500 00

The present standing of the town is as follows:—

Permanent loans	\$72,166 42
Bonds	215,000 00
Temporary loans	9,500 00
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	\$296,666 42
Due the Melrose Water Fund	3,635 00
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	\$300,301 2

Of the temporary loans, \$4,500 was borrowed to pay water damages, and must be provided for. The remaining sum, \$5,000, was borrowed in anticipation of the taxes, which it was expected would be paid before the issuing of this report.

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Bills against other towns on poor account	\$206 46
Due from State on account State aid, 1875	856 00
" " " " rent of armory	75 00
" " Health Department	185 00
Uncollected taxes, estimated	6,000 00
Cash in treasury	3,128 95
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	\$10,451 41
Net debt more than available assets	289,850 01

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. & O. excepted.

GEO. NEWHALL, *Treasurer.*

MELROSE, March 9, 1876.

SINKING FUND.

Vote of the town was as follows: —

It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the town, under the direction of the selectmen, to levy annually upon all taxable property of the town, a tax of two mills on a dollar; such levy to be made with the annual levy of the town, and collected with the other taxes; and when collected, shall be and remain in the treasurer's hands, a specific fund on interest at seven per cent for the ultimate redemption of the principal of the debt of the town, contracted prior to the first day of January, 1874, and shall be used for no other purpose.

Amount raised for the year 1874	. \$8,356 84
“ “ “ “ 1875	. 8,905 66
Rec'd from sale of Newhall Building,	1,732 50
Interest on \$8,356.84 one year at	
seven per cent	584 98
	<hr/> \$19,579 98

Dr.

1874.

Paid executor of H. Temple, note dated Dec. 8,	
1862	\$5,000 00
Paid executor of H. Temple, note dated July 2,	
1864	2,000 00
Paid Mary A. Simonds, note dated July 11,	
1868	1,000 00
Paid Charlotte Sprague, note dated Feb. 13,	
1865	100 00
	<hr/> \$8,100 00

Amount brought forward . \$8,100 00

1875.

Paid Seaman's Savings

Bank, note dated April

26, 1872 . . . \$10,000 00

Paid Dexter Pratt, trustee,

on note dated June

2, 1873 . . . 1,200 00

 11,200 00

 \$19,300 00

To credit of fund . . . 279 98

 \$19,579 98

Dr. GEORGE NEWHALL, TREASURER,

Cash in Treasury, March 12, 1875,	\$1,649 51
“ received of A. B. Pierce, Collector Taxes for 1873,	803 90
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1874,	6,204 59
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1875,	64,672 75
“ “ A. Lane, Supt., on acc't Water Fund,	11,043 07
“ “ on acc't Poor Fund,	441 35
“ “ “ Contingent “	39 00
“ “ “ School Fund from State,	252 21
“ “ from State Treasurer, Armory rent,	784 00
“ “ “ “ “ Bank Tax,	579 77
“ “ “ “ “ Corporation Tax,	955 11
“ “ for Cemetery Lots sold,	1,290 00
“ “ “ use of Town Hall,	720 46
“ “ from State, on acc't State Aid,	787 63
“ “ on acc't School Contingent Fund,	97 25
“ “ dividend on Insurance Policy,	15 00
“ “ from sale Newhall Building,	1,750 00
“ “ “ County Treasurer (Dog Tax),	460 80
“ “ interest on note,	30 33
“ “ of A. B. Pierce, collected on acc't Health Dept.,	26 00
“ “ on Treasurer's notes, temporary loans,	48,500 00
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	\$141,102 73
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IN ACC'T WITH THE TOWN OF MELROSE, Cr.

By paid Orders on Water Fund,	\$6,438 63
“ “ “ “ Town Hall Building Fund,	1,233 32
“ “ “ “ Poor Fund,	3,675 69
“ “ “ “ Contingent Fund,	1,242 29
“ “ “ “ School Fund,	14,412 69
“ “ “ “ Cemetery Fund,	177 50
“ “ “ “ Town Hall,	1,080 01
“ “ “ “ Highway,	2,853 11
“ “ “ “ Drainage,	27 80
“ “ “ for State Aid,	812 00
“ “ “ on Police,	72 90
“ “ “ “ Fire Department,	2,376 80
“ “ “ “ School Contingent,	1,766 48
“ “ “ “ Street Lights,	1,191 63
“ “ “ “ Insurance,	172 00
“ “ “ “ Grade Plans,	300 00
“ “ “ “ Centre School House,	289 78
“ “ “ for Town Officers' Salaries,	2,718 96
“ “ “ on additional Street Lamps,	218 50
“ “ “ for Health Department,	211 00
“ “ “ “ Boardman Claim,	373 92
“ “ “ State Tax,	3,660 00
“ “ “ County Tax,	2,347 99
“ “ “ Howard Case,	1,626 57
“ “ “ for Armory rent,	600 00
“ “ “ “ Newhall Building sale,	17 50
“ “ “ on Public Library Fund,	867 08
“ “ interest,	11,291 49
“ “ interest coupons on Water Bonds,	9,000 00
“ “ J. D. Wilde, Treasurer of Joint Water Boards,	6,550 00
“ “ Treasurer's notes, temporary loans,	60,368 14
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	\$137,973 78
By cash in the Treasury,	3,128 95
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	\$141,102 73
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We have examined in detail the orders and vouchers of the Treasurer's account for the financial year ending March 1, 1876, and find the same correct.

E. H. GOSS, }
J. R. NORTON, } *Auditors.*

MELROSE, March 9, 1876.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

ANSEL B. PIERCE, *Collector for 1875, in acc't with the Town.*

DR.

July 28, 1875.	To amount of taxes, as per warrant	\$73,443 25
March 9, 1876.	To additional taxes since July 28, 1875	85 60
“ “	To interest collected since Oct. 1, 1875	344 80
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		\$73,873 65

CR.

March 9, 1876.	By abatements authorized by assessors, to date	\$817 43
“ “	By discount made as per vote of the Town	2,854 83
“ “	By cash paid treasurer, as per receipts	64,672 75
March 11, 1876.	By cash on hand	464 76
“ “	By taxes uncollected, to new account	5,063 88
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		\$73,873 65

Treasurer to account for amount paid . . . \$64,672 75

E. and O. excepted.

ANSEL B. PIERCE,
Collector.

MELROSE, March 11, 1876.

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

IN compliance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature, approved April 2, 1870, your commissioners respectfully submit this, their sixth annual report.

THE POND.

On account of the increased consumption of water and the amount wasted to prevent freezing during the long period of cold weather of last year, some apprehension was expressed as to the adequacy of the supply. We are pleased to state, however, that the supply has been and is ample, as will be seen by our superintendent's report, to which we invite your attention.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES.

Since our last report a verdict has been rendered in favor of James P. Thorndike for damages to the Hurd and Grundy Mills, amounting, with costs and interest, to \$1,825, which has not been accepted, as yet, by the party entitled.

The amount required from each town has been paid to the treasurer of the Joint Water Boards, and by him tendered in settlement according to the verdict above named.

The claim of the Haywardville Rubber Company has been settled by the payment of \$10,000, with court costs, expenses, and interest, amounting to \$14,679.92, Melrose paying one third of the amount. (See Report of Treasurer of Joint Water Boards.)

There are now remaining two matters of law, — one to determine the exact point of high-water mark. This is to be decided by three commissioners, and is well on its way to a determination. The other is a suit for damage caused by flowing land near the head of the pond, and was regarded as without any just foundation, and preparation has been made for a vigorous defence.

Before another report, undoubtedly these matters will be determined.

RECEIPTS FOR WATER.

Amount received each year for water rates, exclusively.

1870-1, received	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,909 29
1872, "	.	.	.	.	.	5,141 84
1873, "	.	.	.	.	.	6,133 88
1874, "	.	.	.	.	.	7,202 31
1875, "	.	.	.	.	.	7,882 85

As will be seen, the receipts have steadily increased, and we estimate the income from this source for the year 1876, \$8,000.

J. D. WILDE, Treasurer, in account with Malden, Melrose, and Medford Water Boards.

1875.						DR.
Feb.	Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	\$155 94
May 18,	Received from Town of Melrose	.	.	.	.	200 00
July 8,	" " " "	.	.	.	.	200 00
Aug. 7,	" " " Malden	.	.	.	.	200 00
" 25,	" " " Medford	.	.	.	.	200 00
Nov. 16,	" " " Melrose	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
" 17,	" " " Malden	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
" 20,	" " " Medford	1,500 00
1876.						
Jan. 3,	" " " Melrose	4,650 00
Jan. 5,	" " " Malden	4,900 00
"	" " " Medford	4,900 00
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						\$19,905 94
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1875.	Cr.
May 20, B. F. Hayes	\$350 00
July 13, Melrose Journal	1 80
July 16, Babb & Stephens	14 00
Aug. 7, P. Sprague	1 25
Aug. 25, "	52 50
Nov. 17, E. R. Hoar	1,250 00
Nov. 23, Jas. B. Francis	200 00
" B. F. Hayes	1,010 29
" A. Barrett	250 00
" Medford Chronicle	1 50
Dec. 2, Witness Fees	41 75
Dec. 4, J. P. Parker	6 80
" Geo. W. Bartlett	10 00
" P. Sprague	4 75

1876.

Jan. 5, Haywardville Rubber Co., Verdict of Court, and ex- penses	14,479 92
" T. H. Sweetser, "presiding officer"	200 00
" 18, D. F. Jackson	3 50
" A. F. & N. N. Sargent	69 00
Balance	1,958 88
	<u>\$19,905 94</u>

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. WILDE, *Treas.**M., M. & M. Water Boards.*

FEBRUARY 8, 1876.

WATER TAKERS.

Whole number of water takers, per register . . .	843
Families	785
Boarding-houses	3
Stores and shops	10
Truck and cart stables	13
Livery and boarding stables	4
Private stables	29
Greenhouses	5

Manufactories	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Halls	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Churches	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Ornamental fountains	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Public drinking-fountains	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
School-houses	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Engine-houses	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Henneries	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Public ornamental fountains	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Hand hose	.	.	.	.	.	.	252
Fire hydrants	.	.	.	.	.	.	75
Number water takers, 1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	779
Increase over 1875	.	.	.	.	.	.	64
							<hr/> 843

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Net cost of Water Works to Jan. 1, 1875,
as per last report \$159,604 07

Expended this year as follows:

Geo. H. Norman, laying pipe . . .	\$591 45
L. T. Freeman, trenching for street pipe .	255 55
Town of Malden, cement pipe . . .	693 91
S. E. Benson, cement	132 00
Summers & Hunt, corporation cocks . .	106 50
Boston Machine Co., hydrants . . .	180 00
Chapman Valve Co., gates	36 00
Salem Foundry, service box covers . .	9 45
Davis & Farnum, iron pipe and bends . .	18 37
Dalton & Ingersoll, material	165 43
D. R. Woodward, service boxes . . .	20 00
<i>Amount carried forward . . .</i>	<hr/> \$2,208 66

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$2,208 66
J. C. Howes, labor and material	.	.	.	345 36
Geo. W. Bartlett, horse hire	.	.	.	14 00
Bills for labor on street pipe	.	.	.	572 39
Bills for labor on service pipe	.	.	.	443 76
One half Supt. A. Lane's salary	.	.	.	500 00
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	.	.	51 23
Thomas Cunningham, pipe	.	.	.	261 82
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				\$4,397 22

DAMAGES AND SUITS.

Paid J. D. Wilde, treasurer of M., M. & M. Water Boards, amount ordered to settle claims	6,550 00
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							\$10,947 22

CONTRA.

Received from Geo. H. Norman, for trenching,	\$162 00
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	\$10,785 22
1875, Jan. 1, net cost as shown . . .	159,604 07
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Cost of the Water Works, Jan. 1, 1876 . .	\$170,389 29

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT, 1875.

L. T. Freeman, teaming	\$15 60
Town of Malden, labor	.	.	.	.	11 80
S. E. Benson, cement	.	.	.	.	21 20
Boston Machine Co., valves and washers	.	.	.	.	16 12
Dalton & Ingersoll, material	.	.	.	.	32 54
Bills for service pipe	530 38
Thomas Cunningham, pipe	261 82
J. C. Howes, labor and material	75 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$964 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$964 46
Geo. W. Bartlett, horse hire	.	.	.	11 00
One half Supt. Lane's salary	.	.	.	500 00
Henry Barron, express	.	.	.	23 05
M. F. Eastman, express	.	.	.	50
John E. Kenney, keys	.	.	.	90
Thomas McCoubry, sharpening tools	.	.	.	42 13
Joel Atwood, mixing boxes	.	.	.	21 00
Babb & Stephens, printing	.	.	.	19 50
F. T. & C. E. Palmer, paint	.	.	.	7 58
James Worthen, tools, etc.	.	.	.	31 75
Bugbee & Barrett, powder and fuse	.	.	.	2 54
J. P. Deering, lumber	.	.	.	6 25
W. J. Farnsworth, trustee, repairing tools	.	.	.	1 95
G. G. Nichols, screen	.	.	.	7 00
Nichols & Hall, stationery	.	.	.	5 90
John Larrabee, services	.	.	.	30 00
J. F. Eldridge, rubber cloth	.	.	.	2 50
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	.	.	.	1 60
Goodyear Rubber Co., mittens	.	.	.	3 00
M. C. Warren, hardware	.	.	.	1 67
Whitten Bros. & Co., rope	.	.	.	8 28
W. W. Boardman, horse and waggon	.	.	.	20 50
J. D. Littlefield, express	.	.	.	60
C. Hayes, rubber goods	.	.	.	6 00
Wm. Keith, cloth	.	.	.	1 88
Doane & Greenough	.	.	.	5 25
L. S. Metcalf, advertising	.	.	.	6 50
Addison Lane, expense	.	.	.	8 12
J. D. Wilde, services as commissioner	.	.	.	100 00
W. I. Ellis, " "	.	.	.	100 00
J. R. Simonds, " "	.	.	.	100 00

 \$2,041 41

1875.

INTEREST.

May 1, Coupons on \$50,000 Bonds, \$1,500 00

July 1, " " 100,000 " 3,000 00

Oct. 1, " " 50,000 " 1,500 00

1876.

Jan. 1, " " 100,000 " 3,000 00

	<u> </u> \$9,000 00
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	<u> </u> \$11,041 41
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CONTRA.

Town's appropriation for the use of the Water, \$2,000 00

" " " Maintenance . .	2,000 00
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	<u> </u> \$4,000 00
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RECEIPTS.

For service pipe laid . . . \$848 28

stock sold . . . 101 70

care of gate house, from the
town of Malden . . 254 60From Geo. H. Norman, for
repairs . . . 107 80Est. Jeremiah Martin,
balance due . . 90 93From Boston & Maine R.
damage . . . 6 00

For notices . . . 1 00

Received on account of Water
Rates, 1875 . . . 4,286 93Received on account of Water
Rates, 1876 . . . 5,183 83

	<u> </u> 10,881 07
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	<u> </u> \$14,881 07
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Expended as shown . . \$11,041 41

To the credit of the account . 3,839 66

	<u> </u> \$14,881 07
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FURNITURE, TOOLS, AND STOCK ON HAND, JAN. 1, 1876.

Office furniture	\$165 00
Tools of all kinds	294 50
Stock	451 91
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							\$911 41

Your commissioners would recommend appropriations for the year as follows : —

For hydrants, school-houses, town hall, engine	
houses, etc.	\$2,000 00
For maintenance	1,500 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

MELROSE WATER COMMISSIONERS :

Gentlemen, — I herewith submit to you my report for the year ending March 1, 1876 : —

THE POND.

Although the draft upon the pond increases largely every year, it will be seen by the following record that the supply since quite early in the spring has been abundant.

RECORD.

Depth of Water at the Gatehouse, 1875-76.

At the close of the last report, Feb. 22, the pond stood sixty-one inches below high water mark, the lowest point.

Feb. 25, at 56 inches below high water.				
Mar. 10, " 51	"	"	"	"
" 20, " 41	"	"	"	"
" 30, " 38	"	"	"	"
April 10, " 18	"	"	"	"

April 20, at 10 inches below high water.

“ 30, “ 8 “ “ “ “

May 10, “ 7 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 5 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 8 “ “ “ “

June 10, “ 4 “ “ “ “

“ 23, “ high water mark.

“ 30, “ 4 inches below high water.

July 10, “ 8 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 11 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 14 “ “ “ “

Aug. 10, “ 15 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 16 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 18 “ “ “ “

Sept. 10, “ 23 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 25 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 28 “ “ “ “

Oct. 10, “ 27 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 27 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 32 “ “ “ “

Nov. 10, “ 33 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 26 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 22 “ “ “ “

Dec. 10, “ 22 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 21 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 23 “ “ “ “

1876.

Jan. 10, “ 21 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 21 “ “ “ “

“ 30, “ 20 “ “ “ “

Feb. 10, “ 18 “ “ “ “

“ 20, “ 12 “ “ “ “

March 1, “ 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ “ “ “ “

STREET MAINS.

There has been laid during the past season 1,079 feet of four-inch, and 879 feet of six-inch cement pipe; also 342 feet of two-inch enamelled pipe, a portion of which has been laid by our own men, making quite a saving in expense, beside having the work done in a more satisfactory manner.

One hundred and eighteen feet of four-inch pipe, on Chestnut Street, has been relaid to a greater depth on account of a change in the grade of the street.

Quite a number of leaks occurred early in the spring, mostly caused by freezing last winter. All have been repaired, and the works are now all in good condition.

SERVICE PIPE.

Service pipe laid from main pipe to street line	. 1,684 ft.
“ “ “ “ street line to cellar	. 949 “
Total	. 2,633 ft.
Whole number of new services	. 63

Seventeen leaks on service pipes have been repaired. Damage caused mostly by freezing in lead connections. Eight have been relaid to a greater depth.

We find from past experience that it is of the utmost importance to have the service pipes laid deep enough to be out of the way of frost, and in no case to go through the cellar wall, but under it.

HYDRANTS.

Three new hydrants have been added the past year, — namely, one on Vinton Street, one on Main Street, Reading Hill, and one on Emerson Street, East, — all on new pipe. One new hydrant has been set on Washington Street in place of one broken last winter by frost, and one on Main Street, between Essex and Foster Streets, in place of one out of order. Eleven have been taken up, new valves put in them, and again reset. All have been examined, well oiled and painted, and are now in good working order.

Number of hydrants at the present time, seventy-five.

GATES.

One six-inch and three four-inch gates have been added the past season.

Whole number of gates on four and six-inch pipe, sixty-eight.

STOCK AND TOOLS.

Estimated value of stock on hand at the present							
time is	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$451 91
Tools of all kinds	.	.	.	.	.	.	294 50
Total	.	.	.	.	.	.	<hr/>\$746 41

Respectfully submitted.

ADDISON LANE, *Supt.*

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO
THE PRESENT TIME.

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			Hydrants.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Eleventh	255	.	.	.	1
Third	287	.	.	.	1	.
Main	3784	.	.	7	2	.	.
Green	2700	.	.	3	1	.	.
Franklin	3155½	.	.	4	1	.	.
Vinton	3483½	436	.	5	2	1	.
Trenton	1233	1331½	.	1	2	2	.
Melrose	2339½	.	1	.	.	.
Ashland	1467½	.	1	.	2	.
Tremont	3180	.	2	.	4	.
Greenwood	324	.	.	.	.
Perkins	236	.	.	.	1	.
Baxter	484	.	1	.	1	.
Florence	1335½	.	.	.	2	.
Maple and Poplar	2265½	.	2	.	1	.
Emerson	3971	.	4	.	4	.
Youle	998½	342	1	.	1	.
Otis	780	.	.	.	.
Oakland	1161	.	1	.	1	.
Linden Place	286	.	.	.	.
Cedar Park	898½	.	2	.	.	.
Laurel	457	.	.	.	.
Cottage	1142	193	2	.	2	.
Hurd	768	.	.	.	1	.
Berwick	1226½	.	1	.	2	.
Herbert	220	158½	.	.	.	.
West Grove	287½	.	1	.	.	.
Waverley Place	690½	.	1	.	1	.
Foster	1470½	.	1	.	3	.
Myrtle and Lake Avenue	3170	.	3	.	4	.
Winthrop	695½	.	.	.	1	.
Vine	691	.	.	.	.	.
Essex	1437	.	4	.	2	.
Willow	663	.	.	.	.
Short and Main	470½	.	.	.	.
Reading Hill	469	723	1	.	1	1
Porter	2514½	.	2	.	1	.
School	495	.	.	.	.
Albion	222	.	1	.	1	.
Pleasant	1125	.	.	.	1
Winter	241	.	.	.	1	.

TOTAL AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF DISTRIBUTION PIPES TO
THE PRESENT TIME. — (*Continued.*)

STREETS.	FEET OF PIPE.			Hydrants.	GATES.		
	6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.		6-inch.	4-inch.	2-inch.
Upham	3283	...	2	...	2	...
Stevens Place	216	...	...	...	...
Lebanon	2750	...	2	...	1	...
Grove	1366	...	1	...	...	...
Walnut	187½	...	...	...	1	...
Lynde and Linwood	2960	...	3	...	1	...
Summer	701	...	2	...	...	...
East Wyoming Avenue	1076	...	...	...	1	...
West " "	3	...	...	...
Chestnut	572	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Vernon	394	...	1	...	...	...
Auburn	372	...	...	...	1	...
Winthrop Place	520	...	...	...	1	...
Belmont	376	...	...	...	1	...
High	376	...	...	...	1	...
Prospect	1026	...	1	...	1	...
Essex and L Avenue	1082	...	...	...	...	...
Avon	422	...	...	...	1	...
Elm	1057	...	1	...	...	...
Howard	272	550	...	...	1	1
Upham and Dell	3488	...	3	...	2	...
East	534	...	...	...	1	...
Washington	760	...	2	...	...	...
Irving	387	...	...	...	1	...
Emerson Place	251	...	...	...	1
Seventh	288	...	...	...	1
Wastes 27 × 24	51	...	...	...	...	...
80 Plugs	80	...	...	...	...	...
East Grove Street	1865	16	...	2	1	...	...
" Emerson Street	743½	10	...	...	1	...	...
Totals	16,964	59,755	7,577	75	10	58	6

WATER RATES.

DWELLING HOUSES.

	Per Year.
Occupied by one family, for the first faucet	\$6 00
For each additional faucet to be used for the same family,	2 00
When a house is occupied by more than one family and less than four, one faucet only being used by all, for each family	5 00
When a house is occupied by four or more families and but one faucet is used for all, for each family	4 00
Where a house is occupied by more than one family, the highest rates will be charged for each family having water carried into their part of the house.	
For the first water-closet	5 00
For each additional water-closet	3 00
For hopper water-closet	8 00
For first bath-tub	5 00
For each additional bath-tub	3 00
Provided that no private house shall pay more than \$25 per year.	

BOARDING HOUSES.

For the first faucet	\$10 00
For each additional faucet	2 00
For water-closet or bath-tub when used for boarders	10 00
Other charges as above.	

Where two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold water, both emptying into one vessel, but one charge will be made for both.

STORES.

Occupied as office, shop, or similar purpose	\$6 00 to 20 00
For each additional faucet	2 50
For water-closet or urinal	6 00

STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
For each additional horse	3 00
For first cow	2 00
For each additional cow	1 00

FOR LIVERY, CLUB, AND BOARDING STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
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For each additional horse	3 00
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The above includes water for washing carriages.

Where hose is used, \$5 additional.

TRUCK AND CART STABLES.

For first horse	\$5 00
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For each additional horse	2 00
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The above includes water for washing carriages.

HOSE.

For sprinkling streets, washing windows, and similar uses	\$3 00
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When several desire to use the same hydrant for watering streets or watering gardens, see Superintendent.

HOTELS.

For each bed for boarders and lodgers	\$3 00
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BATHS.

For public baths, and for each bath in any hotel . . .	\$10 00
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For water-closet in public bath-houses	10 00
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STEAM ENGINES.

For each stationary steam engine working not over twelve	
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hours a day, for each horse-power	\$6 00
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BUILDING PURPOSES.

For every cask of lime or cement used	0 05
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ORNAMENTAL FOUNTAINS.

Ordinarily used three hours a day for a period of not more than four months a year.

For a jet of one sixteenth of an inch	\$3 00
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For a jet of one eighth of an inch	5 00
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For a jet of one quarter of an inch	8 00
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To be cut off at the discretion of the Superintendent.

MANUFACTORIES.

And for all purposes not enumerated in the foregoing rates, special contract to be made with the Water Board.

This schedule of prices was printed in a circular and distributed among the citizens, with this additional notice : —

All parties wishing Spot Pond water introduced into their buildings will be required to sign an application for the same ; a book for that purpose may be found at the Town Clerk's office.

JOSEPH D. WILDE,	}	<i>Water Commissioners.</i>
W. IRVING ELLIS,		
J. R. SIMONDS,		

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT.

THE Trustees of the Library take pleasure in presenting for your consideration their Fifth Annual Report : —

The year has been one of steady progress, creditable alike to the town and its institutions. Perhaps the quiet in business circles has helped to increase the number of readers, for the tide of patronage has swelled beyond the expectations of the most sanguine citizens.

The capacity of our room has been tested frequently to its full extent, and the system of ventilation is not adequate to the demands made upon it. The librarian and assistant have to suffer from the effects of bad air, especially in the evening when the room is filled. It seems at times almost impossible to attend to the crowd of applicants in a single evening. Much credit is due that the work devolving upon the attendants has been accomplished to general satisfaction.

Had the request for a reading-room, made in our last report, been granted, the towns-people would have found themselves much better accommodated, and many of the obstacles which have been encountered could have been more readily overcome.

Among the donations of the year we have received five papers : The "Melrose Journal," "Melrose Record," "Scientific American," "Literary World," and "The Golden Rule";

besides these, we have bound the files of the "New York Tribune" from 1861-1865. These gifts, costing the town nothing, are rendered comparatively inaccessible to the public for the lack of a reading-room. The room asked for has been used but few times during the year, and might better have been granted even without an appropriation. Doubtless others would donate a larger variety of weekly papers and magazines, if they thought the town would care for such gifts. Until the time comes when inquiry shall be made for hid treasures, these papers and others will remain on file ready for future use.

In April, 1875, a spelling match was held in the Town Hall between citizens of the town and scholars of the public schools. We were greatly indebted to the late Mr. M. F. Davenport for originating and advertising this entertainment. The net proceeds, \$31.05, were presented the trustees for the library. The first prize, "Worcester's Dictionary," was presented by Mr. J. R. Simonds; the third prize, the "Melrose Journal" for one year, was presented by the publishers; the other prizes were paid for out of the funds received. The additions made to the library by purchase have necessarily been limited in number, and have been confined mostly to books of practical value, many of which have been bought at the suggestion of the towns-people.

We are mindful of the fact that a large number of most excellent books are needed to make up the model library, but consider it wiser to add few at a time, than to waste the fund by large additions of little value. The personal interest of all citizens is indispensable to the library. If it is doing an important work now, it may, with your aid, become a more powerful agency for the development of pure literary tastes and of sound moral principles by contact of mind with mind.

We call your attention to our table of statistics, showing

the steady yet rapid increase of circulation that makes up the record of a year's work; to our list of donors, and the various gifts they have made; and to the accompanying facts, that merit your attention as evidence of the future needs and demands of this department of public education.

Besides the donations mentioned in our statistics, we have received from Mr. Daniel Jefferson, a fine lithograph, entitled "The March of Miles Standish." This has been framed and is now in the library. The clock in use is the gift of Mrs. B. F. Abbott. The Franklin Fraternity have consented to leave in the library the engraving of "Franklin at the Court of St. James," the oil painting by Mr. J. Foxcroft Cole of "The Island, Spot Pond," and the bust of "Franklin." These adornments add much to the attractiveness of the room, and we recommend these examples to others.

Mr. Frank Eastman has brought from Boston all packages for the library free of charge, — a saving of much expense.

Mr. George B. Sargent has presented another library stamp, so that we have now two in constant use, thanks to his generosity. The trustees are [grateful to all donors for their kind remembrances.

DONATIONS. — *Books.*

Mr. Anthes	17
Hon. D. W. Gooch	28
Mr. Charles Guild	1
Mrs. Mary May	1
Miss Phoebe A. Norris	1
Mr. Fred. Sawyer	1
Mr. William L. Williams	4

Pamphlets.

Hon. D. W. Gooch	6
Mr. E. H. Goss	1
Mr. George E. McNeil	1
Unknown Friend	1
Boston Public Library	5
Chicago " "	1
East St. Louis " "	1
Lancaster " "	1
Newton " "	1
Quincy " "	1
Stoneham " "	1
Wakefield " "	1
Winchester " "	1
Woburn " "	1
Peabody Institute "	2
Worcester Free Institute	1
Patent Office, Washington	39
Tufts College	1
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Whole number of Pamphlets now in
Library 105

Papers.

Jefferson, Daniel	The Literary World.
Ray, Geo. M., and Jas. McIntyre . .	The Melrose Record.
Williams, Wm. L. {	The Melrose Journal.
	Scientific American.
	The Golden Rule.

STATISTICS.

Number of volumes in Library, March 1, 1875 .	2,595
“ “ “ purchased this year . 187	
“ “ “ donated “ “ . 53	
“ “ “ discarded “ “ .	240
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	229
“ “ “ in Library, March 1, 1876 .	2,824
Number of persons using Library, March 1, 1875 .	1,516
“ “ cards issued this year . . .	314
“ “ “ relinquished this year . . .	21
	293
“ “ persons using Library, March 1, 1876 .	1,809
Largest number of volumes issued in one day .	342
Smallest “ “ “ “ “ “ “ .	66
Average “ “ “ “ each day .	219
Whole “ “ “ “ July .	1,743
“ “ “ “ August .	1,552
“ “ “ “ December .	1,812
“ “ “ “ January .	2,367
“ “ “ “ this year .	22,592
Increase of circulation this year . . .	4,940

This library year is equivalent to one hundred and three days of circulation. It has been open each Wednesday and Saturday, with one exception (Saturday), Christmas Day. The examination just concluded shows the books to be in fair condition; three only are as yet unaccounted for. Three hundred and seventy-one books have been rebound during the year. Four books were burned by the fire that destroyed Boardman's Block; ten have been worn out in the service. All these will be replaced immediately.

Every month in the year reveals a marked increase of the circulation. The library still holds its position, so far as we are advised, of circulating the largest number of volumes in proportion to the population of the town. Within the last two years, even, the increase has exceeded one third of the entire circulation. We have stated that the library is found to be in fair condition. The works of the more popular authors, having been in constant use for five years, are in the majority of cases worn out. Within four years eight hundred and forty-eight volumes have been rebound, and some have been sent to the bindery again and again. The natural life of these books, even with this care and attention, is not over five years, and we find ourselves forced to replace one hundred or more volumes. This expense will increase for the next two years until our shelves are replenished with fresh copies of the works most called for.

We notice in the report of the trustees of the Quincy Library a call for four hundred and forty-four volumes to replace those worn out, and two hundred and four volumes as duplicates of the more favorite authors. This library is five years old, — instituted the same year as our own, — and has but twice the number of volumes.

The cost of rebinding constitutes another heavy and constantly increasing expense, as will be noted in our Treasurer's Report. The law of necessity governs these expenditures, and all librarians agree as to the length of life of books in constant use. It is worthy of notice, however, that they are well cared for and returned in as good condition as to any public library.

A supplement to our catalogue of the books added the past year is now in preparation, and will be issued as soon as possible. It is found to be a great saving of money to keep the matter of cataloguing well in hand from year to

year. Once allow it to fall behind, and the expense of preparation is more than doubled.

For the purpose of relieving the library on Saturday evenings, and better accommodating the public, it is deemed expedient to open the room one other evening early in the week. This will enable those who cannot wait their turn on Saturday to come again the first of the week, and select books at their leisure, while the duties of the attendants, though largely increased, may possibly be rendered less burdensome. There is a great difference in the amount of labor now required of the attendants. The proper arrangement of the books as received, the care and responsibility for their condition, and the carrying out of the multiplied details for making the library of practical benefit to the greatest number, are portions of the work that only competent persons can do. It will be necessary the ensuing year to again add to these duties. It is desirable to glean from our statistics information regarding the proportion of books that are read relating to travels, biography, history, and the sciences, in comparison with fiction. Much discussion has led to the application of tests showing how readily, in New England, minds may be led with judicious training, even by means of the library, to adopt and carry out certain courses of reading to the comparative exclusion of light literature. If by bulletins, placards, notes, comments, and the free offering of advice, great good has resulted in many places, we may confidently expect the library to become more useful than ever here in Melrose, where its privileges seem to be highly prized and its advantages thoroughly appreciated.

The matter of expenditures has been carefully considered ; and in order to meet your questions with as plain a statement as possible, we annex our estimates for the coming year, based upon the experience of the past.

ESTIMATE.

Salaries, Librarian and Assistant . . .	\$175 00
Replenishing books worn out . . .	100 00
Rebinding " . . .	150 00
Printing cards, slips, etc. . . .	75 00
Bulletin No. 1, Catalogue . . .	50 00
New books	350 00
Contingent expenses	25 00
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	\$925 00

The dog tax for 1875 will be at the disposal of the trustees at the commencement of the coming fiscal year. The tax for 1876 will not be available until the year 1877, so that we can readily calculate the amount of funds. The estimated expenses for replenishing our shelves will be increased rather than diminished, and so will our printing bills, if the library is used as much in proportion as last year. We therefore request the appropriation of four hundred and fifty dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

In behalf of the Trustees,

CHARLES C. BARRY,

Secretary.

FREDERIC KIDDER,	} Trustees.
ELBRIDGE H. GOSS,	
CHARLES C. BARRY,	
A. A. NICHOLS,	
HANNAH LYNDE,	

Dr.

Melrose Public Library in account with E. H. Goss, Treasurer.

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1875.		1875.		1875.	
Mar. 19, '76, {	To cash paid A. M. Prior, printing	\$68 25	Mar. 6, {	By balance from account of 1874-5	\$28 66
" 19, {	" " L. F. Lawrence, blank book	1 75	" 11, {	" cash from Town Treasurer, dog licenses for 1874 . .	367 08
" 19, {	" " Abram French & Co., lamps	3 25	Apr. 13, {	" " " net proceeds from the "spelling match" . .	31 05
" 19, {	" " H. V. Butler, books	30 00	" 18, {	" " from Librarian, for fines	72 25
Jan. 15, '76, {	" " T. W. Ripley & Co., printing 1,000 catalogues,	330 00	Mar. 1, '76, {	" " " " sales of catalogues	34 25
Apr. 26, {	" " Geo. B. Sargent, ribbons for stamps	2 25	Mar. 1, '76, {	" " for book lost	1 00
Feb. 9, '76, {	" " Charles Taylor, shelf and repairs	3 55	May 29, {	" " from Town Treasurer, the annual appropriation,	500 00
May 19, {	" " Miss Carrie M. Worthen, Librarian	165 00	June 18, {	" " for book damaged	75
Feb. 2, '76, {	" " J. R. Simonds, binding books	17 00	Dec. 4, {		
July 1, {	" " L. B. Wilder & Co., printing	1 50	Nov. 20, {		
" 20, '76, {	" " A. W. Lovering, books	247 88			
Feb. 9, '76, {	" " A. W. Lovering, binding books	60 05			
July 20, {	" " Franklin Fraternity, umbrella stand	2 00			
Nov. 10, {	" " E. V. Hardon, picture frame and cord	5 00			
Sept. 28, {	" " S. Walker & Co., books	16 20			
Oct. 27, {	" " William H. Pratt, sign	14 00			
Nov. 23, {	" " James Keating, book	75			
Dec. 3, {					
" 3, {					
1876.					
Jan. 15, {	" " P. D. Meston, binding books	36 75			
Mar. 1, {	" " L. L. Warren, gas pipe	8 00			
Feb. 2, {	" " North America Insurance Co., insurance . .	3 50			
" 2, {	" " Ink labels, mucilage, postage, cord, and key,	7 92			
Mar. 13, '75, {	etc.	10 44			
Feb. 2, '76, {	Balance on hand this date	\$1,035 04			
Mar. 5, {					\$1,035 04

MELROSE, March 5, 1876.

E. H. Goss, Treasurer.

At the request of the Trustees of the Public Library, I have examined the above account, and find it correct and vouchers therefor.

MELROSE, March 9, 1876.

JOHN LARRABEE, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF
MELROSE, MASS.

1875-76.

BOSTON :
BABB & STEPHENS, 79 WATER STREET.
1876.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE F. STONE.	MISS P. A. NORRIS, <i>Secretary</i> .
W. IRVING ELLIS.	MRS. J. C. CURRIER.
S. A. RANLETT.	MRS. A. V. LYNDE.

TEACHERS.

ALONZO G. WHITMAN . . .	}	HIGH SCHOOL.		
MARY L. CHARLES . . .				
EMMA A. J. BUGBEE . . .				
FRANCES H. TURNER . . .		FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.		
LUCY W. BISBEE . . .		SECOND	"	"
JULIA M. PORTER . . .		THIRD	"	"
EMMA M. CATE . . .		CENTRE	"	"
CHASTINE EMERSON . . .		CENTRE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.		
LOUISE P. ARNOLD . . .		LYNDE STREET	"	"
MARY E. NORRIS . . .		VINTON	"	"
SARAH E. PRATT . . .		CENTRE PRIMARY		"
MARY M. GILMAN . . .		LYNDE STREET PRIMARY		"
HANNAH F. LEWIS . . .		VINTON	"	"
SUSAN D. MELCHER . . .		UPHAM	MIXED	"
LYDIA MENDUM . . .		GREEN	"	"
ETTA KILBRETH . . .		HIGHLAND	"	"

REPORT.

IN closing their official duties for the year your committee comply with the law, as well as the wishes of an enlightened community, by making their Annual Report.

Addressing ourselves to the duties of the year, we were confronted by a condititon of affairs somewhat anomalous.

1st. A substantial reduction in school appropriations, with existing contracts for expenditures exceeding the amount placed at our disposal.

2d. An unexpected amount of unpaid bills.

3d. The inexperience of three members of the committee.

It was early seen that careful and regular attention were requisite to solve the problems presented. Accordingly we appointed meetings the first and third Saturday evenings in each month; in addition, we frequently met to consider matters, often complex, which could not be anticipated. We have endeavored to answer your expectations, and are gratified, in the main, with the results, which we herewith submit.

BUILDINGS.

The outside of the High School-house has been painted, and many repairs have been made which leave the building in complete order.

The Upham Street school-house has been repaired, and many expenditures, insignificant in themselves, have been made in and around other school buildings, with reference to the health of the pupils, which it would have been folly to withhold.

There remains much that might properly be done, having special reference to health and cleanliness, which, we trust, will be accomplished next year.

Every school-room should be thoroughly ventilated, and once every year the plaster, walls, and ceilings should be whitened.

The health of the pupils, so vitally connected with pure air and cleanliness, is of vastly greater importance than mere study; and it must be remembered that to urge the mind to action under the disadvantage of vitiated air, arising from defective ventilation and walls laden with the impurities of years, is systematic cruelty under the guise of education.

We desire to call attention to the bare and uninviting surroundings of most of our school buildings. It seems to have been the natural impulse of those who had charge of erecting our earlier school-houses to select some bleak and inhospitable spot, perhaps with the view that those only should be educated who, through all obstacles, and in the face of all that is repelling, should persevere.

A few shade trees and, in some cases, grass plots, would be a great and inexpensive improvement.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

LYNDE STREET, Miss	M. M. GILMAN,	<i>Teacher.</i>	
VINTON STREET, "	HANNAH F. LEWIS,	"	
CENTRE, "	SARAH E. PRATT,	"	
	Lynde St.	Vinton St.	Centre.
Present number of pupils	. 62	57	56
Average . . . .	. 57	46	54
Per cent of attendance .	. 81	82	90½
	Yrs. Mos.	Yrs.	Yrs. Mos.
Average age, March 1st,	7 11	7	7 2

These schools are in a very satisfactory condition; indeed, among our teachers in this grade may be found those who possess the true philosophy of teaching. The mind of the young scholar is gradually unfolded by methods which can-

not be reduced to rigid formulas, but which are suggested by an intelligent teacher, attentive, patient, and enthusiastic.

An unbending, inconsiderate, and unsympathizing attitude towards those just emerging from the freedom of home may work incalculable and life-long mischief; the scholar is led step by step, mildly, pleasantly, and faithfully, into the realm of school life. Those teachers who, next the parent, stand at the threshold of the temple of education occupy an important position; we trust that they will continue to meet that consideration and appreciation which they have a right to expect, and that their schools will always be most tenderly regarded.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

	VINTON STREET,	MISS M. E. NORRIS,	Teacher.
	LYNDE STREET,	" LOUISE P. ARNOLD,	"
	CENTRE,	" CHASTINE EMERSON.	"
	Vinton St.	Lynde st.	Centre.
Present number of pupils	40	40	41
Average	36	41	44
Per cent of attendance . . .	88	86.4	94.5
	yrs.	yrs. mos.	yrs. mos.
Average age, Mar. 1, 1876,	10	10 5	9 4

These schools have the same teachers as last year, with the exception of the Lynde Street School. Miss Louise P. Arnold was unanimously chosen as teacher of this school at the time of our annual election of teachers in July: she brought to the discharge of her duties a conscientious regard for her pupils, which has produced the results expected in view of her reputation and success elsewhere.

As the scholar steps out of the primary in preparation for the grammar school he should have most judicious training. The average age of the pupils in these schools is a sensitive one; and, besides ability, the teacher should have a strength and goodness of character, fertility of resource, and singleness of purpose, without which the time spent at this period of school life would be worse than wasted.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

HIGHLAND,	Miss	ETTA KILBRETH,	Teacher.
UPHAM STREET,	"	SUSAN D. MELCHER,	"
GREEN STREET,	"	LYDIA MENDUM,	"

		Highland.	Upham St.	Green St.
Present number of pupils	.	50	38	45
Average	.	44	36	48
Per cent of attendance	.	87½	87	41
		Yrs. Mos.	Yrs. Mos.	Yrs. Mos.
Average age, March 1st	.	8 3	9 8	9 2

These schools have the same teachers as last year, and their condition reflects great credit upon those who have them in charge.

From the character of this grade of schools the teacher is of necessity subjected to not a little that is perplexing: her mind is taxed in one direction to her advanced class, while at the same time the primary scholars must not miss that special vigilance which they constantly require, so that during school hours her faculties are in constant exercise to faithfully discharge her varied and conflicting duties.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

FIRST GRAMMAR,	Miss	F. H. TURNER,	Teacher.
SECOND	"	L. W. BISBEE,	"
THIRD	"	J. M. PORTER,	"
CENTRE	"	E. M. CATE,	"

		1st.	2d.	3d. & Centre.
Present number of Pupils	.	53	49	40 44
Average	.	53	43	47 47
Per cent of attendance	.	95.7	91.7	91 90
		Yrs. Mos.	Yrs. Mos.	Yrs. Mos.
Average Age, March 1, '76,		14 6	13 9	12 6

We take pleasure in presenting the condition of these schools. It was early seen that the salary paid the First Grammar School teacher was too large, and quite out of proportion

to the salaries of the other teachers; hence we reduced it Five Hundred Dollars.

We consider ourselves fortunate in having secured the services of Miss Frances H. Turner as principal of this school, and it is but simple justice to state that it was never in better condition, either in regard to discipline or scholarship, than it is at present.

The other Grammar Schools are in the hands of teachers who have long enjoyed the confidence of the public.

The schools have been very full, containing an excess of pupils sufficient to form a new school, but not having surplus funds we were obliged to put extra duties upon the teachers, and advance ten scholars to the First Grammar School without proper preparation. We hardly need add that this is ill-advised, and should not be resorted to except when prompted by actual necessity.

As many of our scholars are obliged to content themselves with their school studies by the time they have completed the Grammar School course, we have deemed it advisable to furnish diplomas to the graduating class of the First Grammar School.

HIGH SCHOOL.

<i>Principal</i>	.	.	.	ALONZO G. WHITMAN, A. M.
<i>First Assistant</i>	.	.	.	Miss MARY L. CHARLES.
<i>Second</i>	"	.	.	" EMMA A. J. BUGBEE.

High School Course.

First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.
Virgil,	French,	Algebra,	Latin,
French,	Rhetoric,	Latin,	Rhetoric,
Geology,	Sallust,	Eng. History,	Algebra,
Botany,	Physics,	Physiology,	Reading,
Astronomy,	Geometry,	Reading,	Bookkeeping,
Reading Eng.	Reading		English
Authors.	Shakespeare.		Grammar.

Present number of scholars	74
Average	72
Per cent of attendance	97.5
	Yrs. Mos.
Average age, March 1, 1876	16 3
“ rank in all exercises	81.2 %
Number not absent during five months	31

Class of 1876.

BLANTON, LIZZIE ANNA.	MONROE, LIZZIE JACOBS.
DUTTON, HATTIE.	TROWBRIDGE, AMELIA FRANK.
GOSS, FLORENCE MARY.	MANSFIELD, FRANK.
LANE, HATTIE ESTELLA.	

Average age, eighteen years, two months.

Class of 1877.

BAILEY, CARRIE WINTHROP.	LECRAW, LIZZIE GRIFFITH.
BARRETT, NELLIE JOSEPHINE.	LOVEJOY, MINNIE BARILLA.
BROWN, MINNIE.	LYALL, ADDIE LOUISE.
CHAPIN, ANNIE MARIA.	MCCOUBRY, LIZZIE ANNA.
EMERSON, GEORGIE THERESA.	NORTON, ADA ELIZABETH.
SARGENT, LULIE BROWNE.	PARKER, MARY.
VINTON, MARY ISABEL.	BABB, EDWARD EVERETT.
WORTHEN, SUSIE STRICKLAND.	RUSSELL, WILLIAM CLIFTON.

Average age, sixteen years, seven months.

Class of 1878.

AUSTIN, CORA FRANCENA.	SELEE, LUCIE CORA.
BOARDMAN, ELLEN CARVER.	STRATTON, NELLIE MARIA.
BURR, FANNIE WOODBURY.	TROWBRIDGE, CLARA BELLE.
DAMON, NELLIE BELL.	UPHAM, MARY ELIZABETH.
DRAKE, LOUISE ISABEL.	BRADBURY, WILLIAM BENJAMIN.
GRUNDY, EMMA JANE.	CHANDLER, HENRY GORDON.
HALLETT, IDA LOUISE.	COLEGAN, HUGH THOMAS.
JONES, ANNA MAY.	DOLE, WILLIAM ANDREWS.
LOVEJOY, JENNIE GILBERT.	LITTLEFIELD, HOMER SWEET.
MOLYNEUX, ANNIE ELIZABETH.	MANSFIELD, GEORGE WHITE.
MOLYNEUX, MARIA LOUISE.	

Average age, fifteen years, eleven months.

Class of 1879.

ANTHES, EMMA CHARLOTTE.	STRAINE, HATTIE ELIA.
BARTLETT, ANNA AUGUSTA.	BURR, ARTHUR MARKHAM.
BRIGGS, SARAH.	COBURN, GEORGE LEWIS.
CURRIER, MABEL LULU.	CHANDLER, HERBERT WILLIAM.
FARNSWORTH, MINNIE LOUISE.	EDWARDS, WILLIAM HERBERT.
GIBBONS, HANNAH JANE.	ELLIS, WILLIAM BERTON.
JONES, MARY ALICE.	HEATH, BENJAMIN LINCOLN.
KIMBALL, MINNIE CLIFFORD.	JONES, GEORGE RICH.
LONG, EMMA FRANCES.	LOVEJOY, ALBERT WINSLOW.
LOWE, ADA ESTELLA.	MORGAN, EDWARD CURRIER.
MORSE, JENNIE FLORENCE.	MORSE, FRANK ALBERT.
REMICK, STATIRA JANE.	MORSE, HORACE ELMER.
ROBINSON, CAROLINE FRANCES.	STANTIAL, EDDIE BROOKS.
RORKE, MARY AGATHA.	START, EDWIN AUGUSTUS.
SARGENT, ANNA FLORENCE.	WASHBURN, CHARLES HENRY.
STANTIAL, AMY MARIA.	WILLIAMS, WILLIAM HALL.
STETSON, RUTH CUSHING.	WILLS, GEORGE AUGUSTIN.
STONE, ALMA MARIA.	YOUNG FREDERIC GRANT.

Average age, fifteen years, five months.

The exhibit of this school must be specially gratifying to our citizens.

Teachers and pupils show a common interest in its reputation, and, as must be true in respect to every prosperous school, share the enthusiasm and pride in its welfare.

The proficiency of Miss Charles in the French language has enabled us to dispense with a special instructor in its pronunciation, although this year we were obliged to pay for one, as it was a part of the legacy of unpaid bills left us by our predecessors.

We trust that the parents and guardians of the pupils who may attend this school will exert their influence to persuade them to complete the prescribed course of study. The benefits of the training here cannot well be over-estimated; the strengthening of the faculties, the ability to use, exert, and concentrate the powers of the mind as occasion will demand, which are acquired in our High School, are absolutely invaluable in after life, and there is great danger that just at this

point our young students may make a grievous mistake in neglecting the advantages which it is their privilege to claim.

MUSIC.

Most of the year we have been unable (through lack of funds) to employ a special instructor in this department. Mrs. Georgie N. Bordman has, however, with characteristic public zeal, frequently and regularly given lessons in the schools, and through her unrequited efforts this branch of education has not materially suffered. We trust another year to be able to reinstate Mrs. Bordman as instructor of music for at least a portion of the year.

DRAWING.

This branch of education, which is being pursued with very great practical results in many schools elsewhere, is being adopted in our schools as we find teachers competent to instruct it. We do not feel justified by "the times" in procuring a special instructor in this department, and even if we were, we doubt the propriety, under our common school system, of raising any study to such prominence. Educational luxuries should not be confounded with the education contemplated under the common school system.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of our schools is good.

It is our purpose to save unimpaired the energy, vivacity, and courage of the student; not to crush or injure these God-given qualities, but rather to teach their possessors to control and direct them in channels of usefulness to bless the world; not to diminish the steam and power of this wonderful engine, the human mind, but to place in charge an engineer who shall so direct these mighty powers as to scatter blessings in their pathway. No teacher is worthy of a school who, in the absence of ability, character, and talent to govern without the rod, resorts to brute force, lets loose his passions,

degrades himself before his scholars, and stirs into activity all the worst elements in his school.

The spectacle of such a teacher before a school should not for an instant be tolerated.

Our scholars are apt to become just what our treatment presupposes them to be. Show us a school of "bullies," and we will show you a teacher of the same stamp. Appear before your school in the rôle of a policeman and straightway you will have a list of criminals. Maintain the demeanor of a true gentleman, and your school will graduate ladies and gentlemen. Let us not forget the rule of Pestalozzi: to do no harm to any.

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Education is not so much the accurate knowledge of the text-books as it is the development of the faculties; growth and cultivation, not the pouring-in process. We do not gain by attempting more than we have the ability to accomplish; the mind, like the body, carries only that which it *can* carry, and therefore neither must be overloaded.

We must be taught by the senses, by nature, and observation. This was the philosophy of Sir Francis Bacon, who, Goethe says, "drew a sponge over the table of human knowledge."

From observation and memory there is only one step to reflection. Thus we are led through Nature to Nature's God; and thus should the teacher teach his pupils.

"God opened the heavens to the patriarch Jacob," said a German writer of education, "and showed him a ladder reaching thither." This ladder is let down to every descendant of Adam, and he must study and work who would climb its rounds.

The temple of learning in some of the old books was placed on a steep, rocky eminence, like the Parthenon on the Acropolis, or the Temple of Apollo on the Palatine Hill. To ascend it hard work was required; but Fame, with

Minerva or Apollo, with benign aspect, stood in front and pointed to this inscription: "This is the way to the stars."

In closing this Report we desire to express our appreciation of the liberal support which we have received from the citizens.

We cannot condemn too severely the practice of leaving a large amount of unpaid bills at the close of the year, in the eagerness to bring down an unexpended balance. We are aware that there may be a few bills, inconsiderable in amount, not presented; but there is no good reason for having outstanding claims to embarrass the accounts of the succeeding year.

We have no doubt that your good judgment and liberality will not be wanting in providing for the support of your schools the ensuing year; we should avoid on the one hand extravagance and on the other a short-sighted economy, remembering that it is strikingly true of the cause of Education "that there is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and which tendeth to poverty."

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SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. The schools shall commence during the year at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., closing at 12 M. and 4 P. M. No extended session allowed.

SECT. 2. The school year shall consist of forty weeks, commencing on the first Monday in September, and closing on the last Friday in June.

Vacations shall occur during the school year as follows:—

Close of Fall Term, from the Saturday previous to the annual Thanksgiving to the Monday following.

Close of Winter Term, from the second Saturday to the third Monday in February.

Close of Spring Term, from the fourth Saturday in April to the first Monday in May.

Close of Summer Term, end of school year.

Also, all legal holidays.

SECT. 3. Teachers shall be in their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the opening of the school, admitting pupils, commencing exercises promptly at the hours specified.

SECT. 4. Teachers *themselves* shall hear all recitations.

SECT. 5. Teachers are not to absent themselves from school, or procure substitutes, without the consent of the committee. All such absences are to be distinctly recorded in the school registers, and the chairman of the committee notified of any unavoidable violation of this rule.

SECT. 6. Teachers are required to report all damages to school property, unless repairs are immediately made at the expense of parent or guardian.

SECT. 7. "The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers furnished to them, and make due return thereof to the School Committee; and no teacher shall be entitled to receive payment for services until the register, *properly filled up and completed*, shall be so returned." * A fortnight's notice required of resignations, except in case of sickness.

SECT. 8. In case of inclement weather, when, in the judgment of the committee, it shall be thought proper to omit the afternoon session, notice will be given by ringing the town bell at a quarter before twelve o'clock, A. M.

SECT. 9. Teachers may temporarily suspend pupils from school for truancy or gross violation of rules, informing the committee at once of such suspension, and the reason therefor.

SECT. 10. Pupils must attend school in the district in which they reside; must be at least five years of age, and obtain a permit, before entering, from the committee. *Alphabet* scholars admitted only at the beginning of a term.

SECT. 11. Pupils are required to furnish themselves with such text-books as are authorized by the committee. In case of refusal or neglect, the books will be furnished by the committee, and the town assessors be notified, that the value may be collected from the parent or guardian. Orders sent by teachers to the town agent must have the name of the parent or guardian. Books furnished to indigent scholars shall be considered the property of the school, and be retained when the pupil is discharged.

SECT. 12. Pupils shall not be dismissed before the close of the school (*alphabet classes excepted*) without a written request from the parent or guardian. Frequent and repeated requests can be disregarded, and the committee informed of the evil. Parents shall be notified of absences or tardiness of pupils when explanation or information is deemed necessary.

* Extract from Revised Statutes.

SECT. 13. Pupils absent a term, *or not present at the quarterly examinations*, shall be considered new pupils, liable to lose their connection with their class, and needing on their return a permit from the committee (alphabet scholars excepted).

SECT. 14. Pupils shall have a recess of twenty minutes at each morning session, and no pupil will be allowed to leave the school-grounds without a special permit from the teacher.

SECT. 15. Pupils guilty of defacing or injuring school-houses, school-furniture, out-buildings, fences, or school-property in general, shall be subject to such penalty as the statute prescribes or the committee deem proper.

SECT. 16. Pupils are not allowed in school yards after school-hours, Wednesday or Saturday afternoons, or during holidays or vacations; are not allowed in other school-yards than their own, at any time, unless sent with messages.

SECT. 17. The duties of the several janitors shall be to sweep each school-room and entry twice every week; wash the floors and windows during each of the vacations of May and November; clean and wash all out-buildings as often as necessary; keep steps and paths free from snow in winter; close gates when schools are not in session; report to teachers or committee all injuries to property; prepare and put in the coal and wood, practise rigid economy in its use, and have a general oversight of the buildings in their care. No extra pay for any of the above services.

SECT. 18. No wares or amusements shall be advertised in the schools without the consent of the committee.

SECT. 19. Teachers shall read to the pupils at such times as they deem expedient any or all of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.

